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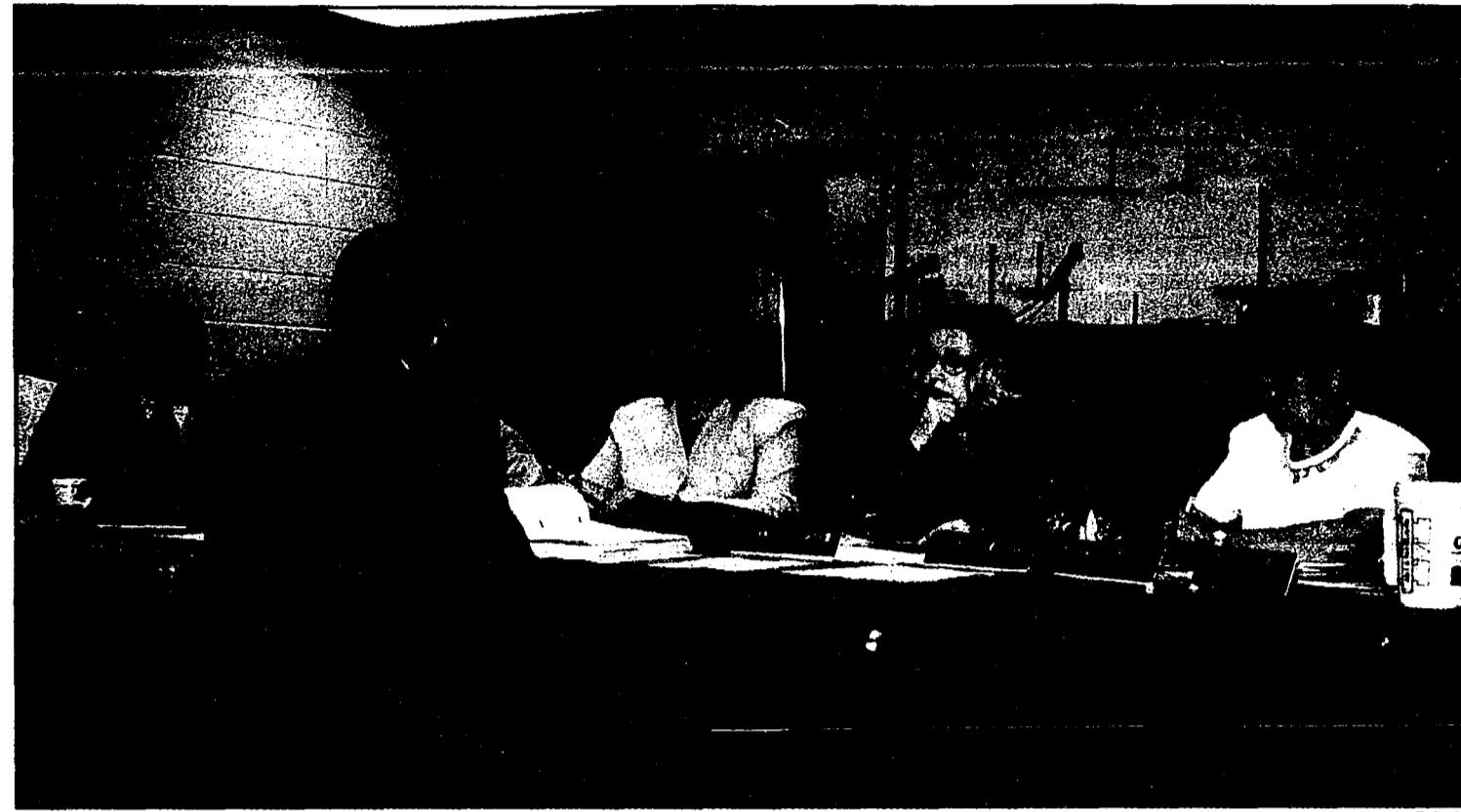
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Road Commissioners charged with open meetings act violations



DECISION MAKING PROCESS – The Crawford County Board of Commissioners listen intently as Detective Sgt. Rich Meyer (foreground) reports the results of an investigation he performed regarding alleged violations of the state Open Meetings Act by members of the Road Commission of Crawford County. Shown, from left, are District 2 Commissioner Scott Hanson, District 3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman (blocked), County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, Chair and District 4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew, Vice Chair and District 5 Commissioner Beth Wieland. Also in attendance, but not shown, were County Prosecutor John Huss, District 1 Commissioner Harold Golnick, District 6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee and County Controller Paul Compo. The County Board is charging members of the Road Commission with eight alleged violations.

County approves Renaissance Zone for Grayling Township

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Looking to take advantage of a state program that promises to bring more and better paying jobs to the county, Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright asked the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution establishing a Renaissance Zone Subzone in his township, subsequent to state approval.

Wright presented the proposal to the Board in front of a full house at a special meeting on October 14. Those in attendance included members of the Beaver Creek Township Board, including Supervisor Lee Riley, temporary Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell, AJD Forest Products owner David Stephenson, and mall

developers Jerry DeWitt and Ron Fraser.

The proposed Renaissance Zone Subzone would include the Industrial Park area and plans to expand the park south to Four Mile Road... about 2,000 acres of state-owned land located east of I-75.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation are administrators of the program and

will market the land in the subzone and use the incentive of property tax waivers to lure businesses to the area. McConnell said many businesses are interested in the Industrial Park development and expects more if the Renaissance Zone meets with state approval.

Some concern arose from Beaver Creek officials, and mall developers DeWitt and Fraser, concerning commercial zones planned within the Renaissance area. They feared that investors of the proposed AuSable River Valley Mall would insist on building in the 15-year tax-free zone, thus botching three years of hurdles for the developers and township.

Wright agreed to drop commercial zoning to save the mall project and the Board approved unanimously the subzone and "progress."

Stephenson remarked, "This cooperation is unheard of... This is how meetings are supposed to be."

Road contract heads to fact finding

Road Board and management continue negotiations with union representatives

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After over a year-and-a-half of trying to reach an agreement, the contract negotiations for the Road Commission's union workers are heading into the fact finding stage.

The process of mediation failed to yield an agreement between the Road Commission administration and the workers' union representa-

tions, so the Road Commission's union workers still have no contract. Now, a fact finder from the Michigan Department of Consumers and Industrial Services will review both sides of the case and try to bring about a resolution.

"The (road) commissioners realize that Crawford County's workers are some of the lower paid in the area, and they're trying to get (the workers' salaries) up there," said Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock. "But they can't do it all at once."

Throughout the course of the

negotiations, the Road Commission Board has made offers that would bring about substantial raises in pay and benefits, board members said, but the union has rejected them. The board feels that the union offers, especially with regard to retirement figures, are cost prohibitive to the Road Commission.

"We have done everything humanly possible to settle this thing," said Road Board Chairman Ray Swiercz. "But we have got to work within the budget."

The Board's initial offer (in July of 1998) of 60 cents/hour increase was "flat out rejected" by the union, Swiercz said.

After the matter was still unresolved following mediation, the board authorized Babcock to put together one more offer before having to resort to fact finding.

On average, the proposal would have raised the workers' salary and paid benefits almost two dollars an hour (14 percent). That offer was also rejected.

The fact finding process will not necessarily solve the issue once-and-for-all either, since any decisions made by the fact finder are not binding to either side.

Babcock said that if an agreement is not reached through fact finding "there is no next step," meaning the whole process would have to start again.

"We'd have to start completely from scratch," he said. "Everything would have to be renegotiated."

City drinking water tests safe

System to undergo chlorination after contaminants detected

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Going on an anonymous tip regarding possible contaminants detected in the City of Grayling's water system, the Avalanche learned that two bacterial samples taken on Monday, October 11 showed trace amounts of unnamed contaminants.

According to Doug Duby of the Grayling City Water Department, the "detect" test results were received the following day and his department immediately began a complete, month-long chlorination of the water distribution system to avoid any health risks to the public.

The chlorination began shortly after Duby took another six samples from various points in the system, per Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) regulations. Test results from those samples were received by the City on Wednesday, revealing no detectable contaminants.

Duby said the system will continue to be chlorinated as a precautionary measure because, "we like to follow the rules right to the letter and we don't want the public to think we would ever try to hide anything."

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"This has been a long time coming," said former Road Commissioner Gloria Kraus of the County Board addressing complaints regarding the administration of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

"They should have never gone to appointments," said Kraus. "They should have remained elected and all of this could have been avoided."

More than 15 people attended a special meeting on October 18 called by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to address allegations of wrong doings by Road Board members.

Road Board Chair Ray Swiercz and Vice Chair Bob Nelson face the possibility of fines and removal from office if the charges prove to be true at a hearing scheduled for December 7 at 10 a.m.

Because William Gannon formally resigned from his seat on the Road Commission on October 12 and is still included in the allegations, County Prosecutor John Huss recommended the Board drop the former commissioner as a subject, but keep him on as a witness. Huss said he would be willing to offer Gannon transactional immunity for his testimony.

The Commissioners listened carefully as Meyer went over the eight alleged violations of the Open

Meetings Act, naming which Road Commissioners were involved in each incident, what reason was given for the meeting, and what part of the act was violated.

Every one of the eight violations concerned the failure to post meeting dates in order to be open to the public, and the failure to keep minutes of those meetings.

Meyer told the Board that he interviewed several people over the course of the investigation and saw what he believed was proof of unlawful meetings when he met with a union official who kept his own notes of the meetings concerning union negotiations that should have been open to the public.

Other meetings allegedly held unlawfully concerned personnel evaluations and the hiring of Managing Director Don Babcock. Huss advised the Board that Babcock's job is not in jeopardy even though Meyer found Babcock was interviewed in a private meeting, one of numerous in question but not included in the eight complaints.

The County Board voted on each violation separately, omitting Gannon from the charges.

Nelson faces seven charges and Swiercz faces eight charges of violating the State of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. They will have a chance to answer to the charges and defend their actions at the meeting in December.

Downstate couple robbed at knife point in motel room

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A Livonia couple visiting Grayling over the weekend received some unwanted visitors to their motel room, resulting in an armed robbery late Sunday night.

Dale and Lynn Szwedene told Crawford County Sheriff's officers that around 11:30 p.m. on October 17 two men entered their room, apparently using a key, at Fay's Motel on Old 27, just north of Grayling. The suspects then robbed them at knife point of their cash, jewelry and Mrs. Szwedene's purse.

The couple was then forced into the bathroom, allowing the suspects to escape. After waiting several minutes the Szwedenes ran from their room to the motel office where they woke the motel's owners and a call

to 911 was placed.

Also involved in the investigation are the Michigan State Police and the Grayling Police Department. A Michigan State Police tracking dog was brought in to assist the investigation team, however the suspects remain at large.

The Szwedenes were only able to describe one of the suspects as a man in his late 20's, about six-feet tall and a slim build.

Mr. Szwedene told Channel 9&10 News, "these things can happen, there's nothing you can do about it," and said he and his wife will not be discouraged from visiting the area in the future.

Anyone with any information regarding the armed robbery is asked to call the Crawford County Sheriff's office at 348-4616.

Grayling shows 'Heart of the North' ... coming and going!



SEASONAL FLAIR – The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) is responsible for decorating and planting flowers, seasonalizing the "Welcome to Grayling" sign. GPA members have decorated other areas around town as well as tending to many flower beds.

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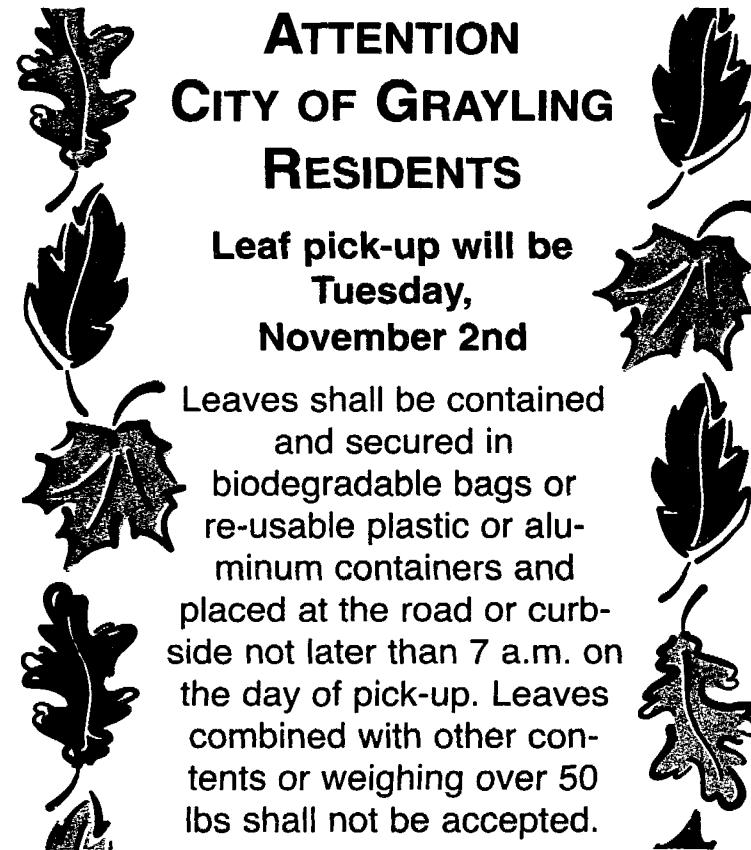
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North Down project completed

Technician Tim McCarthy.

The project, which ended up costing around \$330,000, has made the reconstructed portion significantly more passable.

From just east of the bridge over I-75 past Wilcox Bridge Road, North Down has been completely resurfaced. An extended shoulder and new guardrails have been added to the east side of the road, and ditching/drainage work has been done on the west side, including new culverts. Curbs have also been put in.

A few snags caused the road project to be delayed, including bad weather and problems with underground utility lines. Also, the guardrails had to be redone after they were installed outside of the pavement rather than right through the blacktop as specified.

The contractor did not finish by the October 1 completion date, and the Road Commission Board has mentioned the possibility of some sort of penalty being assessed. As of the latest Road Commission meeting, the board was unsure what that penalty might be, if any.

Construction finished last week, and the Road Commission's engineering staff has conducted an initial inspection of the site. There is at least one drainage issue that needs to be addressed near one of the driveways intersecting with North Down, but most of the other problems, including the guardrail issue, have been taken care of, said Engineering

Nelson mentioned the possibility of cutting a few more small trees to help visibility even more. After seeing the finished product, he also noted that it was a shame more funding couldn't be secured to do a larger portion of the road. In the early stages of planning, the Road Board

tried to get enough funding to go all the way to the cemetery.

"I wish we could've had another

\$50,000 to do up to Michigan Avenue at least (not including the bridge)," said Nelson.



BEFORE & AFTER -- (above) North Down intersected with Wilcox and Pinecrest prior to the recent construction project. (below) The new intersection eliminates the Pinecrest/North Down intersection and reroutes Wilcox, creating one road that joins with North Down. The position of the old Wilcox Bridge sign gives an indication of how much the intersection has changed.

Photos by Caleb Casey



DNR gathers information on area whitetails with free TB check

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Mio DNR office is sponsoring a free TB deer check at the Grayling Field Office through the end of December in an effort to gather more information on the Crawford County whitetail herd.

The field office is located on Hartwick Pines Road, about a quar-

ter mile west of I-75 Exit 259.

Hunters should be ready to provide information pertaining to the location where the deer was shot and DNR personnel will determine the age of the deer and perform other biological testing.

The DNR is hopeful that hunters will be willing to submit the heads of their deer for TB testing, which will not interfere with taxidermy or with keeping the rack. The DNR will help with taxidermy arrangements.

"We'd like to look at as many deer as possible in Crawford County," said Larry Robinson, DNR biologist.

Heads that are submitted will be taken to the Rose Lake Lab and hunters will be notified in seven to 10 days whether their deer tests positive or negative for Bovine TB.

Hunters who participate in the TB deer check will receive a 1999 Deer Management Patch, as a token of appreciation from the DNR.

The deer check will be open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but will be closed for Veterans Day (November 11) and for the Thanksgiving Holiday (November 25-26).

For more information, call Larry Robinson at the Mio DNR, Monday-Friday, office at (517) 826-3211, or the Grayling Field Office at 348-6371.

County still waiting on oil/gas revenue increase

by Daniel DeCapua

Capital News Service

Lansing - A legislative hearing is scheduled for November 4 on a proposal to give Crawford County extra revenue from the state's oil and gas tax revenue, but area officials aren't counting the dollars yet.

The measure would alter the state's severance tax on all oil and gas producers. It currently goes into the state's general fund, but Rep. Kenneth Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, wants to give 25 percent of that back to county and local governments.

According to the state Public Service Commission, that formula would have meant more than

\$225,000 in 1997 and over \$110,000 in 1998 for Crawford County and its townships.

Bradstreet and several northern Michigan officials recently met with State Treasurer Mark Murray to push the proposal. Murray is reviewing the bill before making his recommendations to Gov. John Engler, who currently opposes it, according to Bradstreet.

"The last thing I want to happen is have it go through the hearing process and then be told that the governor doesn't support it. Then it gets voted down and the issue is dead," Bradstreet said.

An October 14 House Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation hearing was delayed to buy time, according to Bradstreet. It could be postponed again if Engler doesn't back the measure.

The local group called GOALIES (Gas, Oil and Land Impact Environment Statewide) generally favors Bradstreet's proposal but believes Michigan's present severance tax structure is unconstitutional and hopes to meet with Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to discuss the issue within the next few weeks.

Kathy Black, a former Crawford County commissioner and organizer of GOALIES, believes that counties that produce oil and gas are treated differently than those in the Upper Peninsula that produce metallic ores such as iron. U.P. counties receive a share of the revenue from the state while oil and gas producing counties don't.

"Money is being legally stolen from these counties," she said.

Bradstreet agrees that state revenue should be put back into local governments where oil and gas comes from. "It needs to be acknowledged that it comes from a local area, and when there is oil and gas exploration it creates a cost on local infrastructure. The local government should get compensation for at least part of that cost."

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Jaws 3-D replaced with *It Came From Outer Space*

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Due to the last minute unavailability of the 3-D version of *Jaws*, the showing date as well as the movie have been changed.

It Came From Outer Space will be presented in 3-D, along with the Three Stooges on November 3 at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. A matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. and the evening showing is at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change from the original date of October 21.

R.J. Hannan, CASD Community Education Director, said he apologizes for the last minute changes, but Universal Studios pulled all copies of *Jaws 3-D* in order to restore them.

Hannan said his only other choice in 3-D was *Friday the 13th*, an R-rated thriller which he said would be inappropriate for the Classic Movie Series.

Ticket price for the 3-D event is \$5 and includes 3-D glasses.

DOE invites public to discuss upcoming plutonium shipment

WASHINGTON — The Department of Energy (DOE) has agreed to the request of Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) to hold three meetings in northern Michigan on its planned shipment of weapons-grade plutonium through the region en route to a reactor in Canada.

"The Secretary of Energy will provide technical experts to meet with first responders, law enforcement representatives, and other emergency personnel and public officials at an afternoon meeting on October 25 in Sault Ste. Marie," Stupak said.

"In addition, the general public in northern Michigan will have a chance to ask questions and obtain information from DOE representatives at two evening meetings, one in the Soo and the second the next night in Mackinaw City."

The first public meeting will be held October 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Lake Erie Room of the Cisler Center at Lake Superior State University (LSSU), 650 West Easterday Avenue. The second public hearing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on October 26 at Mackinaw City High School, 609 West Central in Mackinaw City.

The meeting for first responders will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on October 25 in the same room at LSSU as the evening public hearing.

"It's unfortunate that public comment was not sought from northern Michigan residents earlier in the process of planning and scheduling this shipment," Stupak said.

"The most disconcerting aspects of this Department of Energy project was the lack of information to emergency planners and coordinators about their role and responsibilities in the event of any incident, however remote the possibility, and the lack of information to the public about the nature of the project."

Despite the department's earlier lapse, Stupak said he was pleased the DOE recently gave northern Michigan residents an extended public comment period and now has agreed to hold public hearings.

Stupak also was successful in winning unanimous House approval for a congressional hearing into the project known as the Parallel Project, a joint effort by the United States and Russia in attempting to dispose of plutonium by "burning" it in a Canadian energy-generating nuclear reactor.

United Way - depending on you

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The United Way of Crawford County has kicked off its 1999-2000 campaign with a goal of raising \$60,000 to help with several needs in the community.

Over 90% of money collected in the local campaign will stay in Crawford County, the remaining ten percent goes to help the national fund.

The United Way of Crawford County Board of Directors said they hope to continue to meet the needs of the community through many programs including those dealing

A FRESH, NEW LOOK — (Left) Ferrel and Linda Thomas install a new United Way Campaign sign near the Chamber of Commerce building last week.

with domestic violence, services for the elderly, recreational activities for children and emergency aid.

Local organizations slated to be helped through the United Way this campaign are: American Red Cross, AuSable Ministerial Association, Kenquest House, Youth Service Bureau, Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts, Catholic Human Services, Grayling Co-op Preschool, Inc., River House Shelter, 4-H Youth Program, Crawford AuSable Day Care, RSVP of Crawford County, KCC Volunteer Center, ROOC, Inc., and the Girl Scouts.

The annual United Way auction will not be held this year, so your donation is even more important than ever.

To make a tax-deductible donation, make your check or money order payable to: United Way of Crawford County, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

Five injured in head-on accident

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A head-on collision on North Down River Road sent five local people to the hospital early in the evening of Saturday, October 16.

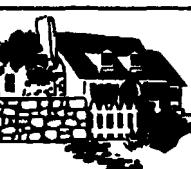
The accident occurred near the I-75 entrance ramp when Robert A. Pollack, driving eastbound in a 1986 Ford, swerved to miss a car pulling out of a side road, forcing him into the path of a westbound 1984 Chevrolet being driven by Louis A. Wildman, Jr.

Riding in the car with Wildman were Louis A. Wildman, Sr., Steven P. Wildman and Jennifer Dean.

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely is withholding the name of the third driver, the only one without injury, pending further investigation.

The injured were taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital where two of the crash victims were treated and released later that night, while three others were admitted to the hospital for more extensive treatment.

The accident remains under investigation by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, however Sheriff Lovely said alcohol appears to have been a factor in the accident. Lovely also said he believes the use of seat belts probably prevented more serious injuries.



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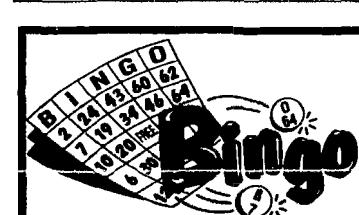
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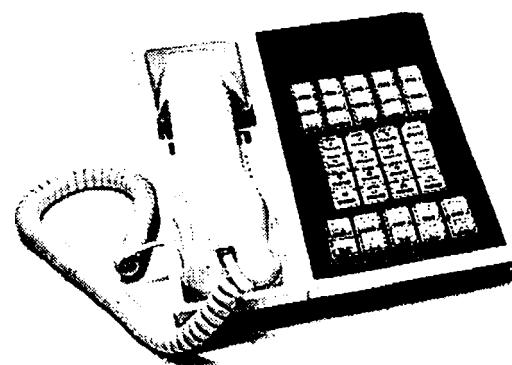
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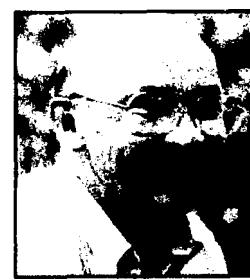
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Government surplus; Easy come, easy go

IT DIDN'T produce big headlines or loud hurrahs, but recent news about a federal government surplus for the fiscal year ended September 30 is worthy of note.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated the 1999 federal surplus would be about \$1 billion, exclusive of any social security funds.

Government surpluses are good news any time, but only \$1 billion?

When final figures are tallied, it may be up to \$3 billion higher, the budget office revealed.

True to form, the \$1 billion surplus immediately became grist on Capitol Hill for political squabbling over spending priorities.

But even if the surplus hits \$4 billion, what exactly is going on here?

Haven't the politicians been arguing about what to do with a surplus up in the trillions of dollars?

They sure have.

Back in February, they were fighting about how to spend a predicted surplus of \$4.4 trillion.

In July, the news was even better, and the arguments were just as fierce, when budget surpluses of \$6 trillion were being forecast.

So what's with a measly \$1 billion surplus?

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WELL, THE DEVIL is in the details and in the fine print.

The \$4 and \$6 trillion surpluses were predicted to occur down the road a piece -- like 15 years from now, or in 2014.

Which, of course, means that huge future surpluses probably won't happen at all.

But the President and the Congress trotted out their divergent plans to spend those huge predicted surpluses anyway.

If we can only produce a \$1 billion surplus in today's excellent economic times and if we could build a similar surplus every year until 2014 that would make

\$15 billion, not \$6 trillion, which is a big difference.

The temptation is overwhelming for today's office holders to spend tomorrow's expected revenue.

It's also very dangerous.

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MISSING VERB -- One of my pet grammatical gripes has been substitution in conversation of the verb "goes" for the proper verb of "says."

"Goes" is a good action verb, but not as a replacement for "says" or some other expression or oral communication.

It's probably a generational thing.

There's a new generation using the language these days, and murdering it even further.

Consider this excerpt from a recent issue of *Entertainment Weekly* (as reported in *The Detroit News*), attributed to a young television actress named Jennifer Love Hewitt, describing a career crisis:

"I was really upset and dealing with it internally. I thought, 'What am I going to do when they say I'm fired? Do I let myself cry?' ... So I get there, my heart pounding. I sat down, like, 'This is it. I've done something bad.' And Chris and Amy were like, 'We need to talk to you.' And I was like, 'Oh, my God ...' And they're like, 'We don't want Sarah to be on Party of Five anymore.' I was like, 'OK, fine. I'll just pack up and leave.' And they were like, 'No, we want her to go to New York on her own show.' And I was like, 'I'm sorry. Could you repeat that 40 times so I can make sure I heard you correctly?'

What has happened to the verb ... any verb ... to convey the meaning of oral communication?

There's not a "said" in the batch. "Goes" has given way to "like."

Words travel from one's mouth to another's ear by speaking them or saying them. The speaker "says" ... not "goes" or "is

like."

Listen to young folks talk these days, and you will hear far too many talk the way Ms. Hewitt talks. Proper grammar is poorer for it.

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CONSUMER PAYS — As contract negotiations wound down recently between Ford and the UAW, an economist commented that Ford President Jac Nasser could afford the cost of some labor gains.

Even in light of Ford's \$6.6 billion profit last year, the economist has it wrong. Mr. Nasser will draw his full pay, regardless of what the new contract gives to employees.

It's not Ford officers who pay for higher costs. They go into the cost of the product. It's the consumer who pays.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

Republicans attack working families

by Mark Brewer, Chair
Michigan Democratic Party

In the past few months Republicans in Washington have been making life difficult on working families across the country. Republicans have opposed raising the minimum wage, spent billions from the Social Security Trust Fund and want to delay the payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit. These actions affect almost every working family and especially hurt the working poor.

Democrats in the White House, U.S. Senate and the U.S. House want to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15. This would benefit nearly 12 million American workers.

While Democrats fight to help working families, Republicans block progress on a minimum wage increase. Republican presidential candidates and GOP leaders in Congress are so obsessed with a tax cut for the rich that they don't have time to help working Americans.

A report recently released by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) finds that about seven million women nationally - 12.6 percent of all working women - would benefit from the pay raise; nearly one million single mothers would benefit from the hike - 85 percent of which have household incomes below \$25,000; and employment rates for minimum wage workers have increased dramatically since the wage was last increased in 1996.

Despite repeated promises that they would no longer raid the Social Security funds for government spending, Republicans in Congress were caught red handed by one of their own who blew the whistle on

the GOP plans to spend billions of dollars from the Social Security Trust Fund to meet their spending goals for the upcoming year.

In the new budget analysis the Director of Congressional Budget Office, a Republican appointee, demonstrated that Republicans writing next year's spending bills for government operations have already used billions of dollars beyond what they were supposed to spend under existing budget restrictions.

Because the Republicans failed to complete their spending bills by the end of the fiscal year, there is no telling how much more Social Security money Republicans will spend before they finish.

Republicans are looking for creative ways to bankroll future tax cuts for its richest supporters; the latest plan is to delay payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This program started 25 years ago as a way to encourage poor people to work and pay taxes.

Both Democrats and Republicans, including Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp have supported the EITC. Instead of receiving a single annual payment, Republicans would pay the credit monthly.

According to the New York Times, the single payment enables working families to pay for things such as tuition or a down payment on a car, but the Republican plan prevents that.

Working families should be outraged. These actions follow a long pattern of risky economic schemes put forth by Republicans. We need a minimum wage hike and Americans across this land need a Social Security system that will be there in the future. It is time Republicans are held accountable for their damaging actions.

To the editor,

I couldn't help but be struck by the last two paragraphs of the letter printed by Mr. Hayes in the October 14 issue of the *Avalanche*. In particular, his questions concerning the winter sports park. As an employee of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), I take for granted that everyone is as well informed as I.

Here is a brief history told as best as I can recall in my 22 years. O.K., I looked a few things up.

Hanson Hills was willed to the State of Michigan by Rasmus Hanson for military or recreational use and is still controlled by the State of Michigan's Military Board.

The park opened in 1912 as the Grayling Winter Sports Park and was the first of its kind in the State of Michigan.

People came, mostly by train, from all over the state of Michigan to enjoy Grayling's winter activities, especially its festival. It wasn't until the Fred Bear Museum opened on the

Hanson property in 1967 that the park was renamed Bear Mountain.

At that time the ski "resort" had 22 slopes for downhill skiing, the "Polyhedron" (long since removed), the Little Smoky Railroad, Pine Knoll Campground, House of Flavors Ice Cream Store, and Dillon's Horseback Riding Stables. The Hanson heirs realized private individuals profited from the land which had been willed with stipulation that it be used only for non-profit. After much controversy and legal debate, Bear Mountain was ordered "Boarded Up" in 1973 by Judge Roth.

As a result of the order to close, volunteers came forth to keep some hills open for children to ski. In 1976, under the authority of Public Act 156 of 1917, the Grayling Recreation Authority was established.

With cooperation of the Michigan National Guard and the State Military Board, a special law was passed to allow the "Authority" to operate as a "consortium" under a

non-profit basis.

In the beginning, the goal of the GRA was to maintain and run what was then named (and still goes by) "Hanson Hills Recreation Area and Winter Sports Park." Since, GRA has added over 30, year-round, sport and recreation programs for youth and adults, 17 annual events (all of which require huge amounts of volunteer help) and operates the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

The GRA is supported by 1/2 mil of tax which makes up approximately 45% of the annual budget. The rest is generated by year round user fees and the much appreciated generosity of area individuals and businesses.

Being of a younger generation, my first experiences at Hanson Hills are probably not unlike the experiences of my parents and grandparents. To my knowledge the land hasn't changed much although facilities and managers have. The same 1,000-acre playground still awaits us and our children, and it is my

hope, their children's children will enjoy it also.

Remember, we have in our backyard 35 km of the most beautiful and best groomed cross country skiing in northern Michigan. Keep in mind also, that hundreds of children (yours included) learn to ski and snowboard each year on 11 family-friendly downhill runs. We also take delight in the availability of tubing, sledding, and ice skating. And each year the Winter Wolf Festival fills three cold February days with sport, friends, feast and fun.

Contact the Grayling Recreation Authority by phone or check out the web site at www.hansonhills.org for more information.

Yes, life moves on and people do to. I, for one, take comfort in the fact that Hanson Hills, through all its transformations, has and will continue to be ours to share.

Jessica McClain
Grayling

Dogs are running our neighborhoods

To the editor,

I am a tax paying citizen and a pet owner. As a pet owner, I believe in keeping my dog contained in my yard. However, in our neighborhood, we have dogs running loose all the time. We used to see our neighbors out walking but because of the dogs running loose, they don't feel safe enough to walk in their own neighborhood.

We have filed several complaints with the sheriff's department, but all they do is give the people a

warning, maybe a ticket. It's time that our tax dollars be used for something more useful like an animal control officer. Why should tax paying citizens be punished because the county can't manage their funds?

The last time we called and requested to see an officer, they didn't even come out to give us a complaint form or even bother to speak to me. It's pretty bad when I, as a tax paying citizen, call and request to see an officer at my residence

about a complaint, and they don't even take the time to come and listen to it.

I'm sure that I am not the only one who has filed complaints about dogs running their neighborhood and got absolutely no help from the sheriff's department in dealing with the continuing problem.

Crawford County needs to pay more attention to their year-round tax paying citizens and what they have to say. We are the ones who live here when all the tourists go back to their down-state homes.

Maybe when a stray dog attacks one of their children or spouse, they will pay more attention to what the county really needs. But it's too

bad if that's what it would take to get their attention, when complaints have been filed before by people like you and I.

It's time that we as tax-paying citizens stand up for something in this county. Start writing letters to our commissioners and tell them what you feel we need. Don't just sit back and think about what should be done. We need to get their attention and let them know we are tired of being ignored about matters that are important to us. Especially when they concern the safety of our families.

Denny Bofysil
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an

address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Phone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

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Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Trick or treats scheduled for October 31

Grayling City Police have recommended this year's Halloween trick or treating be done on Sunday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children should be accompanied by an adult and costumes should have some sort of reflective material on them. A flashlight is also suggested for a safe walk around the neighborhood.

Auxiliaries offering free clothing drive

As part of "Make a Difference Day" in Michigan, the Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary 3736 along with the American Legion Auxiliary will be conducting a free clothing drive at the American Legion Hall, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothing is used, but clean and wearable, and sorted by gender and size. Bring your own bag.

Free family nutrition program offered

Crawford County's MSU-Extension Family Nutrition Program offers free nutrition education classes to anyone who is eligible for food stamps or cash out. Classes are available to individuals or small groups and provide information about: 1) Ways to improve shopping skills and stretch the food budget; 2) How to prepare delicious, healthy, low-cost meals and snacks; and 3) How to add a variety of foods to the diet that can lead to better health. Call 344-3264 for further information.

'Make a Difference' with RSVP

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will participate in two "Make a Difference Day" projects by collecting socks for the Christian Help Center and toiletries for Kids Comfort Bags for American Red Cross Disaster Relief. These bags are given to kids as comfort bags when families are involved in a tragedy such as an accident, fire or other disaster. Drop off travel-size soap, shampoo, toothpaste and combs, as well as socks at the RSVP office, 303 Lawndale Street in Grayling. For more information, call 348-4341.

Eagles Auxiliary to hold Fish Fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat Fish Fry, Wednesday, October 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meal includes Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, coleslaw, potato wedges and/or french fries, and assorted desserts. Cost is adults \$5, kids \$2.50, kids under five eat free. A Wing Ding dinner will also be available for \$3.50. Dine-in or carry-out. To place an order, call 348-5287.

Viking Band Boosters plan meeting

The Viking Band Boosters' membership meeting will be held Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. The Boosters will be voting on bylaws. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

Help Center needs donations of coats

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is accepting donations of used coats, sizes Toddler through Adult Medium for distribution to area children and families in need. All donated coats must be clean and in good repair. Drop coats off at the Help Center located at 300 Huron Street, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 348-6046.

Veterans invited to high school program

The Grayling High School Student Senate is planning a Veterans Day Program on November 11 at 9 a.m. All area veterans are invited to attend. If any Armed Forces Organizations in the community would like to help or present, please call Miss Brown or Mrs. Nowak at 348-7641. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Transplant support group to meet

The Otsego Memorial Hospital Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss Organ Transplant Olympics 2000 with speaker Jerome Smigelski - 1997 Heart Recipient. The group is designed for anyone who is pre- or post-transplant, their families, friends, caregivers, donors or other interested community members. The meeting will be held in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 North Center in Gaylord. For more information, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188. Pre-registration is not required.

Local bankers to wait tables at Habitat Celebrity Lunch

Once again this year, Stevens' Family Circle Restaurant will host the Habitat Celebrity Lunch.

On Friday, October 22, from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m., representatives from four local banks -- Mark Furst, John Alef, Char Fry, and Donna Maska -- will act as waitstaff. They will be competing to collect the most tips for Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

During that time, assorted Habitat merchandise will be available for purchase and there will be a "Home Made Pie Raffle" every 10 or 15 minutes.

This event has been a success in the past, and this year the goal is to keep the celebrities busy during the entire lunch period. Stevens' regular lunch menu will be available.

All the proceeds from merchandise, raffle and tips will purchase supplies and materials for the third and fourth houses now under construction. These houses will soon be the new homes of two Crawford County families.

Habitat board members will be available to answer your questions and tell you how you can assist the group.

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Everyone welcome at COA Halloween Carnival Party

A Halloween Carnival Party is scheduled for October 30 at the Commission on Aging's (COA) Senior Center at 308 Lawndale in Grayling.

The party meant for all age groups, runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with carnival games, prizes and a costume contest. One dollar buys 20 game tickets.

Sloppy-joes and chips will be available for \$1.50, and donuts and cider will be served throughout the evening.

Anyone wishing to make a donation of cookies, candy, prizes or anything else to make this a special night should call the Senior Center at (517) 348-7123.

High school/college students can apply for scholarships

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only).

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org or write to: Educational Communications

Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012. A request may also be made by fax at: (847) 295-3972. Requests must be received by December 16, 1999.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about January 6, 2000.

Winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need.

A total of \$250,000 in scholarships will be shared by 250 winners.

'Holistic Health Care for Women' seminar offered at Grayling Mercy

Mercy Hospital Grayling will offer a seminar next week titled "Holistic Health Care for Women."

Mary Seger Noss, Ph.D., GNP will present information on using a holistic approach to a health model made up of nutrition, exercise, stress reduction and spirituality. Herbs and Complementary Alternative Medicine approaches are also going to be discussed.

Additional topics include: discussion of natural weight loss products, using the health model with a diagnosis of menopause, PMS and

Food program recertification to be held

TEFAP Food Program recertification is scheduled for October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Commission on Aging's Senior Center on Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Those wishing to be certified or recertified for the program must bring proof of income. This program is for all low income families, including senior citizens.

For more information, call Yetive Szkotnicki at 348-9806 or 348-8186.

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The Bible Speaks

World Gun Control

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan told a special meeting of the Security Council that the proliferation and flow of small arms must be stemmed within the international community during the next century. Annan proposed that member states "adopt gun control laws including a prohibition of unrestricted trade and private ownership of small arms." Canada suggested ammunition should also be banned.

In America there is a full scale attack already underway to undermine and destroy our God-given rights as protected by the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution. To know exactly how our forefathers interpreted the 2nd amendment, Professor Eugene Volkh, UCLA Law School, has compiled a listing of State Constitution Right to Keep and Bear Arms Provisions:

1776 North Carolina: That the people have a right to bear arms, for the defense of the State; and as standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; and that the military should be maintained without the consent of the legislature; and the military power shall always be held in an exact subordination to the civil authority, and be governed by it.

1790 Pennsylvania: The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

1792 Kentucky: That the right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

1796 Tennessee: That the freemen of this State have a right to keep and to bear arms for their common defense.

1799 Kentucky: That the rights of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

1802 Ohio: That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State; and as standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; and that the mil-

itary should be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.

1816 Indiana: That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State, and as standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; and that the military should be kept under strict subordination to and governed by the civil power.

1817 Mississippi: Every citizen has a right to bear arms, in defense of himself and the State."

As Christ said in Luke 22:36b: he that hath no sword (weapon), let him sell his garment, and buy one." Private ownership of guns is historically Christian and American. Will you be disarmed by modern politicians or have faith in God, your forefathers, and your guns?

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ran/ch1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelation each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

The Bible Speaks is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: If you want money, go to strangers; if you want advice, go to friends; if you want nothing, go to relatives. (by Sam Ewing)

Things that are happening at the center:

October 20 - Hearing Clinic by appointment; COA Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

October 21 - Lucky 7 bus leaves for the Sands, 9:30 a.m.; Blood pressures taken, 11 a.m. - noon.

October 22 - SHARE pickup at the RLDS Church, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

October 23 - RSVP's "Sock it to 'Em" on Make a Difference Day.

October 24 - Potluck at 2 p.m. - bring a dish to pass and your tableware.

October 25 - Hangman, 5:30

p.m.
October 26 - Last date to sign up for Surplus food distribution, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Halloween dance and costume party

October 30 - Halloween Carnival Party, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

November 1 - Mt. Pleasant Casino trip

November 6 - Craft and Bake sale; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meals are available at noon, Monday through Friday and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

OCTOBER MENU: Lunch/Dinner

20 - Italian Round Steak/Veal Birds

21 - Turkey and Dressing/Tuna and Noodles

22 - Beef Stew/no dinner

25 - Roast Pork/Stuffed Peppers

26 - Chicken ala King/ Halloween dinner of Chopped Bat Steak, Bone Fragment tots, Vampire Blood beets, Leftover Body Parts bar

27 - Fish/Ham Steak

28 - Boiled New England Dinner/Oven Pork

29 - BBQ Chicken/No dinner

Thought to leave you with: If the going seems too easy, you're probably going in the wrong direction!

Praise Band to perform

Joyful Sounds Praise Band, comprised of musicians from different churches from the Hale area, will again lead the singing and worship Sunday evening, October 24 at Grayling Assembly of God.

Music will begin at 6 p.m. and solos and instrumentalists are welcome to join the performance.

A time of fellowship and sharing will take place afterward in the fellowship hall.

Grayling Assembly of God is located at 701 S. I-75 Business Loop, just north of Scheer Motors. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Pastor Ron Voelker at 348-8885.

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Truly, the Lord is our Shepherd, for He knows we are not aware of the pitfalls and the rocky paths that we may blindly wander onto each day. We need only have the faith and God, our Shepard, will give us peace of mind.

Become one of God's fold as you worship with His flock at your local church or synagogue. He will "watch over" you.

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Ezekiel 34:1-10	Ezekiel 34:11-31	Amos 5:1-27	Micah 3:1-12	Micah 6:6-16	Psalm 94	Romans 14:1-12

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Five vie for three council seats

City voters to cast ballots on November 2, Election Day

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

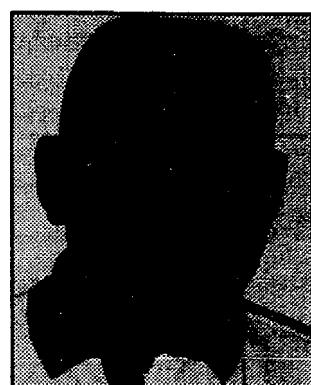
On Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, city voters will have an opportunity to cast ballots for three city council positions. (Voting will take place at Grayling City Hall.)

The terms of current councilmen Ralph Stevens, Robert Ruddy, and Robert Golnick expire this year.

Stevens, who did initially file a petition to be in the race, has since decided not to run and withdrew his name from the ballot. Incumbents Ruddy and Golnick are both up for re-election.

City residents David E. Wyman, Brian D. Banda, and Jerry W. Hayes are also running for seats on the council, resulting in a field of five candidates vying for the three spots on the city council.

The following personal bios and direct statements from the candidates were put together through use of a questionnaire:



Robert Golnick

Robert Golnick has over 32 years of experience in government, and currently serves on the Grayling City Council.

"(I'm) interested in city government," said Golnick. "(I want to) try to keep (the city) financially sound, and keep property taxes low, and continue improvements of the city. (I'd like to) continue good working relations with other governments and local agencies."

Golnick said the City of Grayling's main strengths are "financial stability" and "one of the best police and fire departments in the area," but the city would benefit from "more community involvement."

Golnick's personal strengths as a city council member include "education of government" and "good public relations skills," he said. Also, during his many years in government, Golnick has attended numerous seminars.

Golnick and his wife Jerimae have a daughter, Jenelle McClain, and son James Golnick, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoys traveling and reading.

Current strengths of the City, according to Ruddy, are "its people, volunteers, and service clubs like the Grayling Booster Club, Kiwanis, and Rotary, how they work together to better our community. Also, the (city's) location in northern Michigan, (with) Camp Grayling, the AuSable, and the Manistee River just to name a few."

Ruddy said that it is important for the city to "control growth, and continue improvements on our streets and sidewalks. We need affordable housing, and most of all, better-paying jobs. The reason for this is so our young people can continue to live in Grayling instead of being forced out because of the lack of higher-paying jobs."

"I think with the help of the citizens of Grayling, we all can work hard to improve our community to benefit everyone," he added.

Ruddy had five children with his late wife Jackie, and has eight grandchildren.

He enjoys reading, fishing, outdoor activities, and history. Ruddy is the curator of the Crawford County Historical Museum, and participates in "Spirit of the North" reenactments.

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David E. Wyman

David Wyman, a building contractor and business manager, has served on the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals and has been a member of the Crawford AuSable Board of Education.

Wyman said that if elected, he would like to help create "a positive environment for continued progress. I am concerned for the economic welfare of all in Grayling. (We need to) work with all people and organizations to continue the services of today, as well as future needs."

"I will listen to and discuss your ideas," he added.

The city's current strengths include "friendly people, natural beauty, financial stability, geographic location, acceptable street paving and sidewalks, and beautification by GPA," Wyman said, but he believes the city needs to develop "a servant attitude to customers, a positive attitude towards growth, and (needs to make a) concerted effort toward more beautification and clean-up."

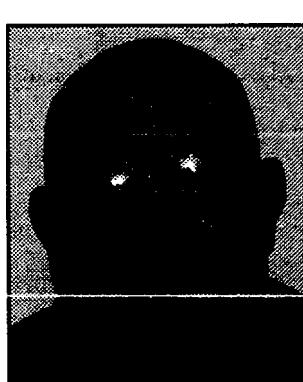
Wyman added that it is important the City Council members have a "respectful attitude member to member."

"I am a good listener," Wyman said, "(and I am) able to make wise decisions after considering an issue. I strive to be an honest person, using Christian principles in all areas of my life."

Wyman has been married to Jill Ann Wakeley for 33 years. They have three children, all of whom are married, and six "active grandsons."

He enjoys bow and rifle hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, walking, canoeing, golf and reading.

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Robert Ruddy

Robert Ruddy, a licensed private investigator, worked with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for 20 years.

Ruddy has served on the Grayling City Council for eight years, the Grayling Housing Commission for nine years, and the Grayling Zoning Board of Appeals for four years.

If re-elected, Ruddy's goal is "to be a fair representative for the senior population."

"The latest census (showed that) 35 percent were over the age of 55," he noted. "The City of Grayling is 'graying' faster than we have the ability to take care of them. Affordable housing for the old and young (is a serious priority)."

"(We need to take) a hard look at property taxes so that they are spent for the good of the community," Ruddy said. "All the citizens should benefit from this."



Brian D. Banda

Brian Banda is a teacher at Grayling Elementary School. He served on the Crawford AuSable Board of Education for five years, and has been a member of his church council.

"I am running for city council because I believe I can make our community a better place to live,

raise children, and visit," Banda said. "Grayling has welcomed me since 1984 and I am proud to call Grayling home. If elected, I would like to see continued growth of our downtown business. I believe controlled growth is healthy and needed. I would like see tourism be an integral part of that growth. I would like to do more promoting of our city."

"The AuSable River is probably our greatest resource, and the canoe marathon is one of our greatest strengths. Additional festivals/activities for our outdoor enthusiasts would be excellent. It would generate more revenue and exposure for our community. We have a wonderful city. Everyone needs to know."

"The services offered by the City of Grayling are exceptional," he said. "Our streets and sidewalks are better than any other community of our size. Our law enforcement is outstanding, and our medical/emergency services are fantastic."

"Grayling has been able to maintain a small town atmosphere while providing the best services for our residents and visitors," Banda said. "I believe we need to continue to improve on the appearance of the city. There is always room for improvement."

"A council member needs to get along with others and be willing to compromise. It is also critical to be fair and just," Banda said. "A council member must be able to recognize what is in the best interest of the community and be willing to vote the will of the community, even if it differs from his/her personal desire. If elected, I hope to accomplish a working relationship of fairness and trust with all city residents and employees."

Banda and his wife Judy, a home healthcare nurse for Amicare, have two children: Elizabeth and Jessica.

Banda enjoys golf, traveling with his family, coaching sports (currently tennis and volleyball), riding his motorcycle, and spending time on the AuSable River.

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Jerry W. Hayes

Jerry Hayes, a fourth grade teacher, has served on the Kirtland Community College Board for 12 years, the last two of which Hayes was the chairman.

Hayes has also been the vice-chair of the Crawford County Republicans, and in the past has served as the treasurer for the 4-H Leader Council.

"I see the current strengths of the city as keeping our streets in good condition, in regards to snow removal and repair," Hayes said. "These are safety conditions which all cities should strive to achieve. Also, I see that people are taking

more pride in home improvement and lawn care."

"I would like to enhance this new pride we are having by publicly thanking people for their efforts," continued Hayes, "perhaps a 'thank you' letter from the city."

"For protecting our community I'd like to see at least one policeman added to our force, if we could afford it," he said.

"The most beneficial quality that a council member could possess is the ability to make the proper decisions for the betterment of the community," Hayes said.

"I only would like to help make decisions for the community in which I live. As an experienced leader, I would greatly appreciate that opportunity," he said.

Hayes is married, and has two children, three stepchildren, and three grandchildren.

He enjoys hunting, traveling, and music.

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Shane's grandparents are Mary Raymond of Grayling, and Danny

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Reidelberger will be on stage in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. to narrate the presentation in person.

Film features include:

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- exploring the remote Orkney and Shetland islands with their rich archaeological remains and the surprising nature preserve at Muckle Flugga;
- learning the importance of fish, oil and roses in Aberdeen and watching the production of whiskey and Walkers Shortbread in the Spey Valley; and
- attending the Gathering of the Clans at Braemar where the Queen comes to admire the feats of Scotland's top athletes as they compete for coveted prizes at the national Highland Games.

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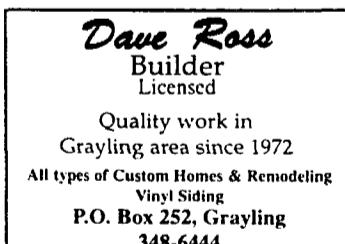
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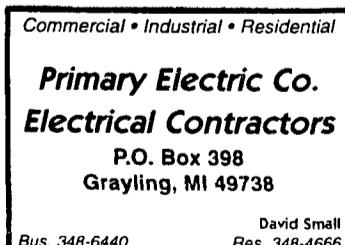
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MDOT is accepting project proposals from beautification groups, historic preservationists, rails-to-trails organizers, public road agencies and others interested in receiving assistance through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

"These are not your typical road resurfacing or bridge replacement projects that receive the lion's share of our federal and state transportation dollars," said State Transportation Director James DeSana.

"The beauty of this federal program is that it encourages communities to decide for themselves how to invest these earmarked funds to further enhance the appearance, safety and economic benefit of their local transportation systems," he said.

MDOT is accepting applications through December 6, 1999 for 2001 funding. The program is divided into the following project cate-

gories:

Non-Motorized Facilities:
Bicycle and pedestrian facilities, preservation of abandoned railway corridors, and safety and educational activities.

Transportation Aesthetics:

Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic sites, scenic highway programs, landscaping and beautification.

Water Quality and Wildlife Mortality:

Reduce water pollution due to highway runoff and efforts to reduce animal mortality and maintain wildlife habitat connectivity across transportation facilities.

Historic Preservation:

Acquisition of historic sites, historic highway programs, historic preservation, rehabilitation of historic structures, archaeological planning and research, and establishment of transportation museums.

All Act 51 recipient governmental units, such as county road commissions, city and village road agencies and public transit agencies, are eligible for the program and may submit applications on behalf of Non-Act 51 groups.

A minimum of 20 percent local match also is required.

For further information on the

program or to apply via the Internet, visit MDOT's Enhancement Program web site at:

www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/enhance/enhance.htm

Those interested in applying may also call Bob Parsons, MDOT Communications, at (517) 373-2160, or Bryan Armstrong, Bureau of Planning, at (517) 335-2636.

Bradstreet, lawmakers gather at annual tourism conference



Tourism Supporters - Job providers and state lawmakers recently gathered in Harbor Springs for the Fifth Annual Northern Lower Michigan Legislators' Conference on Tourism. State Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, is shown here with Ilene Geiss-Wilson, tourism coordinator for the Grayling Area Visitors Council. Participants examined Michigan's \$9 billion tourism industry and discussed future strategies for success.

Fraud, scams most likely legacy of Y2K computer bug

by Lori Z. Bahnmueler
Federal Trade Commission

It's a scam artist's dream come true.

"I got a call from a man who said he represented my financial institution. He said they're having trouble preparing for the Year 2000 and that I need to transfer my money to a special account until the bank can comply with the Year 2000 requirements. It hung up when he asked me for personal information."

"I got a call from a woman who said she needed my credit card number to verify that the card would work after January 1, 2000. Is this a scam?"

Reported by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the above accounts illustrate the latest twist in "identity theft." Defined by the FTC, identity theft occurs when someone uses the identifying information of another person to commit fraud or engage in other unlawful activities.

This personal information can be used, for example, to either take over or open a credit card account under someone else's name, take out loans in another person's name, and write fraudulent checks or transfer money from another person's bank, credit union or brokerage account -- all of which can have dire financial consequences for the identity theft victim.

Identity theft isn't new, but thanks to the hype and hysteria surrounding the Year 2000 change, scam artists are pursuing a fresh angle.

"The confusion about the Year 2000 computer issue is providing more opportunity for scam artists to take advantage of consumers," said Darlys Lawinger of CUMIS Insurance Society, the property and casualty bond underwriter for more than 11,000 credit unions in the country. Lawinger also oversees a fraud awareness program that arms

front-line personnel with the latest fraudulent schemes directed against credit unions and their members. Some con artists have tried to persuade people to take their money out of banks and credit unions to avoid computer foulups, then turn it over to be invested with them in gold, silver, small-company stocks or other assets.

Other unscrupulous fraudsters claim to be financial institution examiners or regulators. In this scenario, the caller insists that the financial institution is not Y2K-ready, and instructs the person to transfer funds to a bond account specially designed to safeguard funds into the new millennium. The scammer asks for personal information and/or the account number and verbal authorization to transfer the money.

"I expect to see more of these Y2K-related incidents as we get closer to January 1, 2000," Lawinger said. "Fraudsters typically strike when the iron is hot -- when fear is at its peak."

Knowledge is power.

Because of the essential role they play in depositors' lives and the economy, credit unions and banks are closely regulated for safety and soundness -- and the Year 2000 issue is no exception.

Whether a Michigan credit union member or bank customer, your funds are federally insured up to \$100,000. In the case of credit unions, member deposits are insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. Bank customer deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Even if you have more than \$100,000 on deposit, your funds still could be fully protected. That's because, under the insurance rules, money held in different types of ownership accounts (joint accounts,

retirement accounts, etc.) is separately insured up to \$100,000.

That's why the safest place for your deposits -- in the new millennium and every day of the calendar year -- is with your credit union or bank, where your funds are federally insured.

Protect yourself.

The FTC suggest consumers employ the following to avoid becoming a victim of identity fraud:

- Never give out personal information -- including your credit union or bank account or credit card numbers -- over the phone or online unless you're familiar with the business and have initiated the contact. Scam artists have a way with words.
- If you notice unauthorized debits to your checking or savings account, contact your financial institution immediately!
- Check the FTC Web site, www.ftc.gov, for interesting reading and further information on avoiding scams.

What is a credit union?

A credit union is a cooperative financial institution, owned and controlled by the people who use its services. These people are members. Credit unions serve groups that share something in common, such as where they work, live, or go to church. Credit unions are not-for-profit, and exist to provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and to get loans at reasonable rates.

Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. And they operate in a very prudent manner. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration, an agency of the federal government, insures deposits of credit union members at 488 federal and state-chartered credit unions statewide. Deposits are insured up to \$100,000, and in some cases where a member had multiple accounts, more.

Credit unions are usually more modest institutions than banks, which can sometimes lead to confusion. Few credit unions have imposing granite pillars at their front door. Most credit unions are located in simple business offices. Sometimes this makes people think that credit unions aren't as safe as banks.

In fact, credit unions are the safest, most stable financial institutions in America. First off, all deposits at a Michigan credit union are fully insured by the federal government up to \$100,000. What is of interest to the hard-pressed American taxpayer is that credit unions -- unlike some other financial institutions -- have always paid for their own insurance program and have never taken a penny of taxpayer's money.

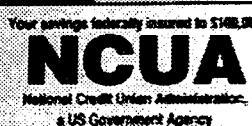
Credit unions use their money to finance car loans, home mortgages, student loans and small consumer loans. This policy not only best serves the needs of credit unions members and their community, but also gives credit unions a low-risk, loan portfolio.

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HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten-county area.

Intestinal Parasites Can be Troublesome

Question: My children have been diagnosed with pinworms. What are these worms and how did they get them?

Signed: Worried mother

Answer: Pinworms are the most common worm infection in the United States. They are usually found in school-age children and may affect all socio-economic classes. If one family member is infected, chances are that another family member is also harboring the worms.

Pinworms are not transmitted to people by any type of dog, cat, or other animal. Instead, they are

spread by a child's hand that has picked up the infective eggs while scratching. These eggs are then transmitted to another's hands or mouth. At this point, they can make their way into the digestive system of another person.

Eggs may also be transmitted indirectly through contact with someone's clothing, toys, bedding, food, or any article contaminated with the eggs. Once ingested, pinworm eggs hatch in the small intestine. A mature female worm will actually migrate out of the rectum at night causing itching. The itching may disturb sleep. A parent might notice the pinworms on the buttocks by using a flashlight at night while the child is sleeping. A parent may also notice scratching in the rectal area or a scratched and irritated skin. However, a child may have no symptoms at all.

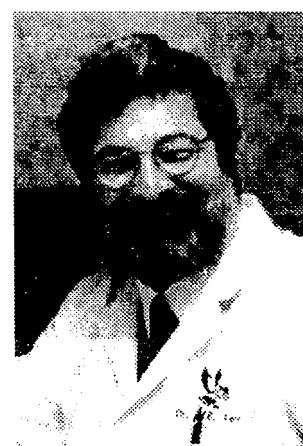
A physician can diagnose pinworms by inspecting transparent adhesive tape that has been applied to the perianal region first thing in the morning before bathing. Eggs may be visible by observing the tape under a microscope. Your physician may also examine a stool specimen for eggs. Once diagnosed, pinworms can be eliminated with appropriate medication.

If pinworms occur in your family, make sure your children wash their hands before preparing or ingesting food or liquids. Nails should be kept short and nail biting or scratching the bare buttocks should be discouraged.

Any family member who is infected should be treated. Daily morning showers are preferable to tub baths. Clothing, underclothing, sheets, bedding, pajamas, etc. should be changed frequently. Houses should be cleaned and vacuumed daily after treatment of pinworm cases. Bathrooms need to be kept very clean.

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Game 4		Game 11		Game 18	
Game 5		Game 12		Game 19	
Game 6		Game 13		Game 20	
Game 7		Game 14		Tiebreaker 3 game #20	
Tiebreaker 1 game #1		Tiebreaker 2 game #9			

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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| 1. Detroit (48) | 11. Carolina |
| 2. Jacksonville | 12. Denver |
| 3. Indianapolis | 13. Washington |
| 4. Miami | 14. NY Giants |
| 5. Oakland | 15. Penn St. |
| 6. Philadelphia | 16. Virginia Tech |
| 7. Pittsburgh | 17. Notre Dame |
| 8. St. Louis | 18. Minnesota |
| 9. Tennessee (45) | 19. N. Illinois |
| 10. San Diego | 20. Purdue (80) |

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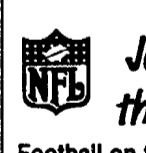
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20.) MSU vs Wisconsin



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Local boy scouts win district competition

On the weekend of September 24-26 Boy Scouts from across the AuSable District gathered at Camp Tapico (located west of Grayling) for the annual fall "Camporee."

The Camporee featured competition in nine scouting skills, including search and rescue, first aid, knot tying, matchless firebuilding, compass and shelterbuilding.

After the competition was completed, the scouts had a chance to socialize and have fun.

On Saturday evening, there was a campfire program and ribbons were handed out. Grayling Troop 979 ended up earning seven first place awards and two second places, which was good enough to place 979 as the overall competition winners. The Grayling troop had not won a district event in almost six years.

Troop 979 was represented at the Camporee by Senior Patrol Leader Brian Stewart, Patrol Leader Matt Evon, and scouts Todd McCarver, Adam Malone, Henry Lane, Richard Haight, and Nick Grougan.

Scoutmaster Loren Goodale and assistants Dan Starks, Bob Lane and



Photo courtesy of Loren Goodale

WINNERS -- Boy Scouts from Grayling Troop 979 show off the ribbons and awards won at this year's fall Camporee, which was held at Camp Tapico just west of Grayling. The event featured a competition involving several scouting skills.

Scott Grougan also attended. If you would like to know more

about Grayling's Boy Scout program, contact Goodale at 348-9414.

Rumpelstiltskin to appear in Grayling

The Grayling Middle School drama students are performing the hilarious and sometimes spooky play, *Rumpelstiltskin* this Friday evening, October 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, located at Grayling High School.

Rumpelstiltskin is the story of a wizard who wishes to be the most powerful person in the kingdom with the help of a 400-year-old witch. Due to the large number of students wishing to be cast in the play, there will be a different cast for each performance. The cast is made up of 19 sixth graders, 15 seventh graders and 10 eighth graders.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from one of the actors. Ticket prices are: students - \$1.50; adults - \$3, family pass - \$7; children under six - free.

The cast includes:
Laura, the Miller's daughter - played by Laura Gorski and Megan Fekete

Prince Tom - Kip Franklin and Jimmy Jansen

The Queen - Samantha Collin and Maggie Vanguilder
Rumpelstiltskin - Jenny Long and Andrew Vos

The Jester - Zeke Hayes and Ted Pavey

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Nursemaid - Jenna Frankowski and Danielle Fedak

Charlotte - Rachel Brunell and Natalie Christman

Katherine - Randi Richardson and Jamie Wyss

Huntsman - Jessie Mooneyham and Zac Baker

Widow - Amber Pindell and Jillian Deville

Citizens - Derek Leon, Steve Skalsky, Doug Armstrong, and Rich Ryan

Royal Court - Felicia Hohl, Ashley Lockwood, Amanda Newberry, Christen McBride, April Wheeler, Alexis Fedak

The costumes were designed by Marty Gosling and Bonnie French;

Make-up by Marty Gosling and April Gosling; Set Design by Mark Gingerich; Student Directors are Joe Pilon, Mike Moon and Jessica Abfalter; Stage Manager is Sarah Carmean and the Director is Robert Gorski.

The eighth grade media students

built and painted the sets for *Rumpelstiltskin*. The Grayling High School art teacher, Mr. Mark Binert provided props and technical assistance for the production.

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Thirty years later, each retired from Eastern New Mexico University. Jane was Director of Health Services and Bill was a professor of Industrial Education.

OBITUARIES

June Phyllis West

Jun 13, 1920 - Oct 16, 1999
June Phyllis West died Saturday at Benson House in Johannesburg. Mrs. West was born in Detroit, the daughter of Ralph B. and Alice (Wright) Cunningham. She married Charles H. West on May 29, 1942 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Mrs. West moved here two years ago from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She was a member of the Heritage Baptist Church.

Mrs. West was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1993 and two sons, Douglas and Dennis in 1998.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna (George) Lehto of Grayling; four grandchildren, Teresa (Duain) of Poterville; Scott (Amy) of Dearborn, Patrick and Andrew both of Redding, California; one great-granddaughter, Emily of Poterville.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 23 at 1 p.m. at the Heritage Baptist Church with Pastor Ernest Wagner officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to: Benson House (Assisted Living for Adults), 7421 E. M-32, Johannesburg, MI 49751.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Dept. from Oct. 10-16:

Two false alarms; two assists to other departments; one city ordinance violation; two civil complaints; one forgery; two juvenile complaints; six larcenies; three malicious destruction of property complaints; one OUIL; two private property accidents; two traffic accidents; one civil infraction citation; one misdemeanor citation; one criminal sexual conduct; nine miscellaneous complaints.

A total of 34 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. from Oct. 11-18:

One robbery; two assault; five burglary; nine larceny; one fraud; three property damage; one escaped; nine public peace; one citation; nine health and safety (seven of which were animal control); one miscellaneous crime; one minor; 17 accidents (nine of which were car-deer); one traffic safety; four false alarm; one hazardous conditions; eight vehicle inspections; one property inspection; six civil/family trouble; two suspicious situations; one lost-found property; 14 general non-criminal.

A total of 98 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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MDOT's freeway logo can attract customers

On October 12, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) extended its public-private partnership with Michigan Logos, Inc. of East Lansing by expanding the freeway logo program. Colorful logo signs at freeway interchanges alert motorists to gas, food, lodging and camping options at upcoming exits.

"The pilot logo program is such a huge success," said State Transportation Director James DeSana, "we believe expanding to additional freeway interchanges makes good sense. It is a no-cost item to the people of the state of Michigan, and provides great benefit to motorists."

Positive results from the pilot study indicated logo signs were beneficial to the motoring public and cost-effective for the state of Michigan. In June 1999, Public Acts 46 and 47, introduced by Representative Valde Garcia, were signed into law to expand the program statewide, except in urban areas.

"We are ready to begin an all-out, statewide campaign for the logo signing program in Michigan," said Michigan Logos, Inc. General Manager Mike Kovalchick. "We have businesses that are currently interested and our marketing plan is in place. We will begin the expansion immediately."

The program is entirely self-supporting. Businesses pay an annual fee directly to Michigan Logos, Inc. to include their logos on the sign boards.

Michigan Logos, Inc. does its own work or uses predominantly Michigan contractors to fabricate, build and install logo signs. MDOT provides oversight of the program.

MDOT and Michigan Logos, Inc. expect another 850 businesses to purchase identifying interchange logo signs.

The initial partnership between MDOT and Michigan Logos, Inc. began in 1996 with a pilot of 30 logo signs at interchanges along Michigan freeways, expanding to 60

interchanges in 1998. This contractor was selected to develop, market and administer the program as well as fabricate and install the directional signs.

Michigan Logos, Inc. also administers another logo-type program, Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS). The TODS program began in 1998 and provides directional signage to motorists on non-freeway highways.

For information on how your business may participate in the freeway logo program, call Ann Clery, MDOT Communications, at (517) 373-2160 or Mike Kovalchick, Michigan Logos, Inc., at (517) 337-2267 or 1-888-645-6467.

'How-to' on hiring and employment practices offered

Putting on and keeping staff is a little more complicated than simply telling someone "you're hired" and then putting them to work. There are a number of federal laws that govern the work place as well as hiring practices that employers should follow to avoid potential troubles down the road.

An upcoming seminar, sponsored by a local employer group, will offer area business owners and managers the latest information about employment laws and hiring practices.

The seminar will be on Wednesday, November 3 in the Birch Room of the Suites Building at Treetops Sylvan Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Road in Gaylord.

The local Michigan Employers' Council (MEC), the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce and the state

Unemployment Agency (UA) are co-sponsoring the seminar.

The Michigan Employers' Council is a group of local employers who advise the Unemployment Agency about the needs and concerns of area businesses. The Council also helps employers to better understand the state's unemployment insurance program.

Roy Hart, manager of the Alpena and Petoskey UA offices, said the seminar will feature Jackie Steed, director of Human Resources for UA, and Robert Zaborowski, UA's regional director for Northern Michigan.

"In her presentation, Jackie will discuss the firing process, explaining what can and cannot be asked during the interview, and the steps employers should take to ensure they use a fair and impartial selection procedure," Hart explained.

"She'll also talk about methods for recruiting workers and about discriminatory practices in the workplace."

Employers will also learn about new programs under development within the unemployment insurance program, such as wage record reporting and the filing of unemployment claims by phone. Employers will also be updated on UA's Y2K efforts.

Hart suggested that employers with questions about the seminar contact staff with the Alpena UA office at (517) 354-2157 or Carol White at (517) 732-6333. White is the director of the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce.

Registration forms are available at the Gaylord Chamber office. White said business owners and managers from neighboring communities are most welcome to

attend. The seminar runs from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and there is a \$10 per person charge to attend.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area.

Question: I saw on the news that the third week in October is Radon Action Week. What does this mean?

Signed: Concerned about radon.

Answer: Radon Action Week has been a national event since 1990 when a congressional resolution was issued to draw attention to radon as a serious public health issue. It is intended to motivate Americans to test their home for this tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas.

Because public health departments are active partners in a community outreach campaign, they take this opportunity to inform the public on the importance of radon testing, usually done sometime during the winter month. Radon information, along with radon test kits,

are always available at local health department offices.

Here are some facts about radon from the Michigan Department of Community Health:

- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer (only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths)

- Radon is naturally occurring and is found in almost any kind of soil or rock in at least trace amounts

- Radon is tasteless, odorless, colorless and radioactive

- Radon enters buildings through openings in the foundation, floor or walls (sump openings, crawl spaces, floor wall joints, cracks, etc.)

- Radon, unlike carbon monoxide, has no warning symptoms. It does not cause headache, nausea, fatigue, etc.

- Nearly one in eight Michigan homes would be expected to have elevated radon levels

- In some Michigan counties, as many as 45% of the homes could have a radon problem

- Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive

- If a radon problem is found it is "Fixable"

- The only way to know if your home has elevated radon levels is to test

Although Radon Action Week is held each year in October, Radon Awareness Month is observed annually in January. This is because the winter months, when houses are closed up tightly, are the best months to perform radon testing in the home. With cold weather approaching, fall is a good time to learn about radon. Also, why not mark your calendar now for radon testing this winter. Test kits are simple to use and are available at your local health department office.

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This project must give benefit to the scout's community, school or church.

Evon decided to take the triangle of property bordered by Michigan Avenue, Rose Street and turn it into a small park.

The scouts started by cutting down dead branches and raking the corner. Throughout the weekend two bird houses, a bench, picnic

table and flower beds were installed at the area, and the ground was seeded and fertilized so new grass will come up next spring.

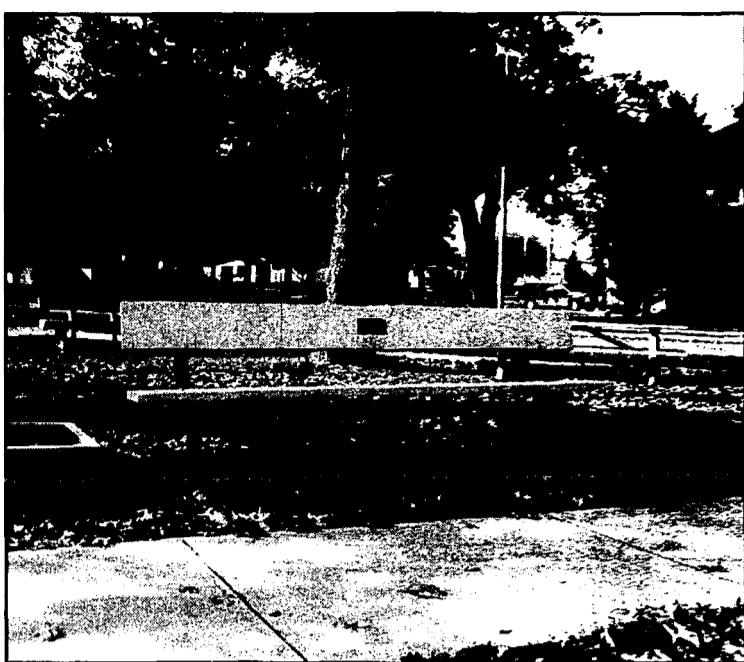
The bench and table were built and donated by Rustic Log Design, and the flower beds were donated by Ron Wyman construction. Matt's grandpa, Art Evon, supplied the bird houses. Other material was purchased with donations from Dave Wyman and Bill Evon.

A member of Grayling Boy Scout Troop 979, Matt Evon should be completing his final requirements for Eagle Scout by the end of October. He has been working for this since joining the troop in May of 1993.

It has been a lot of hard work, but the results were worth it, Evon said. He also hopes people will take the time to stop and enjoy the recently-improved area.

Evon is currently a senior at Grayling High School, and would encourage any boy over 11 years of age to join him in Troop 979.

For more information, call Evon's scoutmaster Loren Goodale at 348-9414.



SERVICE PROJECT -- As part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, local scout Matt Evon recently led a project to beautify this triangle-shaped piece of land on Michigan Avenue. The project included putting in a new bench, flower planters, birdhouses and a picnic table, as well as seeding and fertilizing the ground.

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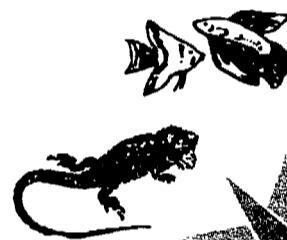
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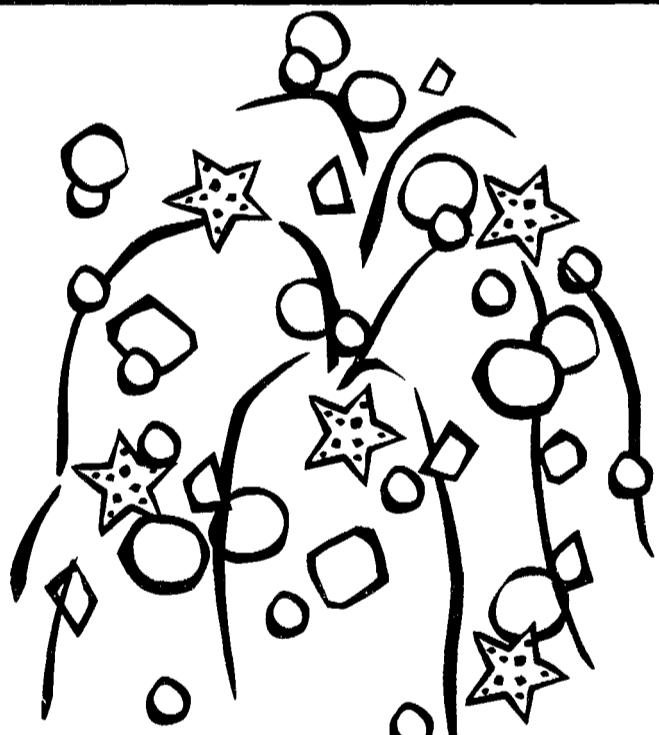
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Varsity Soccer . . . 3B

Parents Night, final marching band and color guard performances help highlight victory

Vikings win last home game of '99

► Three first half TD's and tough defense lead GHS to 7-point victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a game that came down to the final possession, Grayling beat visiting Standish Sterling Central on Friday, October 15, by a score of 21-14. The match was Grayling's last home game of the '99 season.

The Standish Panthers opened the game with a drive deep into Grayling territory, using a consistent running game to inch toward the goal line. The Grayling defense tightened up and held, taking over on downs at the GHS 19-yard line.

The Vikings couldn't muster any offense, and had to punt. Standish took over with good field position, at their own 48.

SSC got inside the Grayling red zone again, but the Viking defense posted another stop. With Standish inside the 13, a Panther clipping penalty moved the SSC offense back. Good defense by Grayling on first and second downs brought up 3rd and 8. Good pressure on the QB by Ray Trudgeon resulted in an incomplete pass and 4th and 8. On a tipped pass, Standish came up with the ball but the receiver was stopped short of a first down.

Grayling took over on downs again, this time at the 8-yard line. A reception by Jeremy Latuszek and a series of runs got Grayling some breathing room, moving GHS out to the 22. Quarterback Levi Burkett then connected with Latuszek, who dodged the Standish defense and ran for a 76-yard touchdown. Burkett added the extra point, putting Grayling up 7-0 with 1:33 left in the

first quarter.

Following the score, Grayling's defense came in fired up and ready to play. GHS stuffed a run play and tackled the QB for a loss on a loose ball, bringing up 4th and 14.

Grayling missed a good opportunity to score again. Spreading the ball out, the Vikings moved from their own 25 down to the Standish 15. Grayling fumbled, and the Panthers recovered at the 14.

A QB sack by Trudgeon on 3rd and 10 brought up a Standish 4th and 19 at their own 4-yard line. A short, high punt gave Grayling excellent field position at the Standish 34.

Grayling capitalized. A great catch by Chris Youngblood on a tipped pass brought GHS to the 7-yard line for 1st and goal. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Standish moved Grayling half the distance to the goal line, after which running back Dave Golnick broke through for a touchdown. Burkett's PAT made it 14-0, Grayling.

With the help of a big pass play (50 yards) Standish eventually scored on its next drive. From inside the 10, Grayling stopped a pair of running plays, but the Vikings were called for encroachment on 4th and 1, giving SSC a first and goal situation on the 1-yard line.

Grayling continued the defensive stand with two more stops, but a broken play loose ball was picked up by SSC on 3rd and goal and punched into the endzone. The extra point attempt failed, and with 2:05 left in the first half, GHS led 14-6.

Following the SSC kick, Grayling started at their own 41. Two runs by Eli Tobin and a pass to Mike D'Amour advanced Grayling to the SSC 33-yard line.

Please see "Vikings win..."

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(Above) Grayling receiver Ben Sartin prepares to hand a flower to his mother at Parents Night last week, just before the Vikings took on Standish Sterling Central. Parents of the football players, marching band members, and cheerleaders were all recognized in the pre-game ceremony. The game was Grayling's last home match of the year. For more on the game and special halftime festivities, please see Page 6B.

Varsity team tops Bucks

► Big third quarter helps Grayling pull out the victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Last Thursday the GHS Varsity Girls Basketball team avenged an earlier 1999 season loss to Roscommon with a win, beating the visiting Bucks 57-38 in Grayling.

The game started out with an intense and closely contested first half.

The Vikings got on the board first with a three-point play by Kristy Hulbert, after she grabbed a steal at mid-court and was fouled on the successful drive to the hoop.

The Bucks came right back and converted a three-point play of their own, tying the game. After a few scoreless minutes, Rosco made good on another three-point play opportunity.

Points by Carrie Cadeau, Lori Hinkle and Hulbert helped Grayling build a slim lead towards the end of the first period, and Danielle Niederer hit a three-point shot as the clock ran out to put Grayling up 16-10 going into the second period.

In what seemed more like a fourth quarter than a second quarter, the two teams put up a fierce

Please see "Varsity team..."

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(Above) Andrea Elmy goes up for a shot in the game against Saginaw.
Photo by Linda Golnick

District soccer draws announced

► Vikings to open with HL or Rosco, GHS will host District final game

The District soccer tournament schedule for Grayling's district has been announced.

Grayling drew a first round "bye," and will face the winner of the Houghton Lake/ Roscommon first round game.

That match will be played at Roscommon or Houghton Lake, depending on which team wins.

If Grayling is victorious, the Vikings will take on the winner of the other semi-final match between

Bellaire and Cheboygan on October 29 in the District Final game.

Regardless of who wins in the Semi-Finals, the District Final match will be held in Grayling at Viking Stadium.

Last year Grayling beat Bellaire and Cheboygan in the District tournament, but lost to Roscommon 2-1 in the District Final match.

MHSAA District Soccer Tournament

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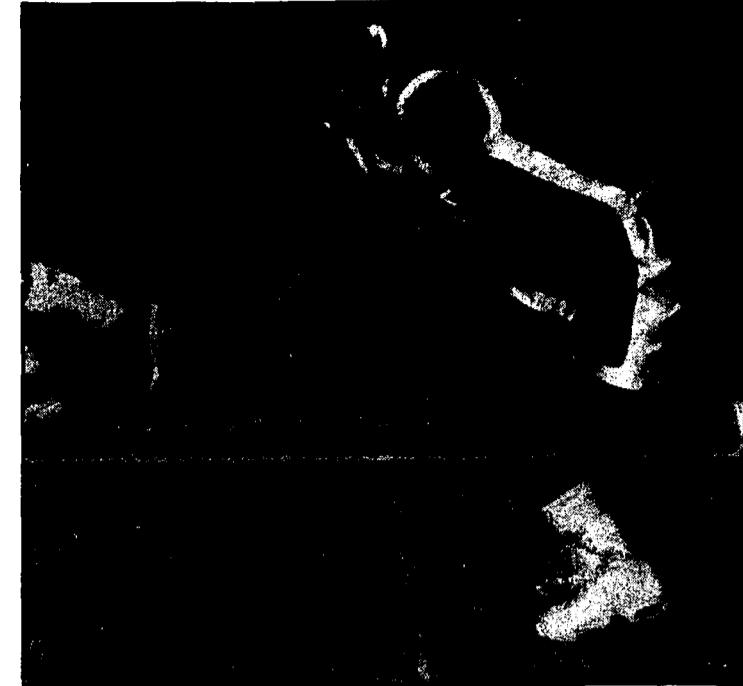
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Grayling's Brandy Ritter pushes the ball down the court.

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some different offenses. We had a lot of kids get a lot of playing time. Saginaw made a run at the end, but we just had too big of a lead at the end of the third."

Grayling led 48-26 going into the fourth quarter.

Ritter was the GHS high scorer with 11. Paxton put in 10 points.

The team is now 8-4, 6-3 in the conference.

On Thursday, October 21, the Vikes will be in Tawas. Grayling will host Pinconning on Tuesday, October 26.

lead to seven, 43-36.

GHS put six straight on the board with two free throws by Ritter, a put-back by Andrea Elm, and a jumper by Emily Fox.

With about four minutes left, Roscommon hit a two-point bucket to put the score at Grayling 49, Bucks 38. Roscommon, however, would not score again in the contest.

Ritter got a steal at half-court and drove for two points. On a one and one, Cadeau connected on two free throws, and Niederer scored the last two points of the game on a pair of free throws.

Grayling won the game by a final score of 57-38.

Cadeau was the high scorer with 13. Hulbert put in 11.

"I was very impressed with our patience on offense," said Coach Chris Dunckley. "We really pulled together as a team, and we used a lot of teamwork."

"We beat them on the boards with 40 rebounds," added Dunckley. "and we had nine different players score. That's a good sign of team ball."

Also last week, the Vikings took on West Branch Ogemaw Heights at home in a conference match-up. The game, a high-scoring shoot-out, was won by Grayling 84-77.

Five Vikes reached double digits in scoring, including Cadeau (21), Ritter (18), Hulbert (17), Fox (14), and Sumner (10).

The previous week, Grayling traveled to Roscommon for the first match-up with the Bucks. Rosco won that game 67-52.

"This game was not as close as the score indicates," Dunckley said. "We did a lot of subbing and tried

"We came out flat," said Dunckley. "Roscommon showed a very patient offense, and they really controlled the tempo. They dominated us on the boards. They were ready, we were not."

Ritter was the top scorer for Grayling with 17.

On Tuesday, October 5, the Vikings beat Saginaw Valley Lutheran at Saginaw by a score of 56-51.

"The game was not as close as the score indicates," Dunckley said. "We did a lot of subbing and tried

JV squad prevails over Bucks

► Vikings move to 11-1 on the season with victory over Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The JV girls basketball team extended its '99 season record to 11-1 with a home win over the Roscommon Bucks last Thursday, finishing ahead of Rosco by 18 points, 57-39.

GHS again got off to a strong start, as the Vikings jumped ahead 15-3 after one period of play. Grayling's defense played a strong quarter, holding Rosco to three points in the first eight minutes. The Vikes didn't allow a Roscommon field goal until 51 seconds left in the first quarter.

Tracy Parkinson, Emily Henion, Michele Elsner, Jamie Dent and Nicole Larm all scored in the period.

A jumper by Henion and a three-

pointer by Dent put Grayling up 20-3 to open the second period.

Roscommon started to put some shots in, but Grayling outscored Rosco 20-10 in the second quarter to take a 35-13 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Bucks played a much better third quarter, outscoring Grayling 19-12.

Roscommon was able to disrupt the Viking offense with full court pressure defense, resulting in some turnovers and more chances to score points at the offensive end.

Grayling led by 15 heading into the fourth period.

After allowing close to 20 points in the third quarter, the GHS defense tightened up, allowing just seven fourth quarter points to the visiting Bucks.

Gina Thompson, Parkinson, Larm and Dent all scored for Grayling in the fourth to help GHS maintain its lead and secure the victory. The final score was Grayling 57, Roscommon 39.

Dent was the high scorer for

Grayling with 13 points. Parkinson and Henion each added 10 points.

On Tuesday, October 12, the JV girls won their tenth game of the year, defeating West Branch Ogemaw Heights by 30 points at GHS, 61-31.

Thompson led the Grayling offense with 15 points. Dent added 12.

The week before, Grayling played Roscommon for the first time this season. Grayling thoroughly dominated the Bucks in that contest, beating Rosco by almost 50 points, 63-15.

Dent had 18 points in the game. Thompson and Henion each added 12 points.

"We're playing really good team defense, causing a lot of turnovers," said Coach Tom Trudgeon. "Our defense is really what's doing it for us."

On Thursday, October 21, the Vikings will head to Tawas. Grayling returns to the home court on Tuesday, October 26. The Vikes will take on Pinconning at 6:15 p.m.

GMS girls beat Houghton Lake

► 'Teamwork' and 'defense' keys to victory in win over Bobcats

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade girls basketball team beat Houghton Lake at HL on September 29 by five points, 27-22.

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Jodi Riddle scored 19 of Grayling's 27 points. Kelly

Dunckley added eight points to the offensive effort.

"The team really earned this win by defense," said Coach Nancy McCullough. "Riddle and Dunckley took advantage of the forced turnovers to score."

"(We had) great teamwork, but we need to get more aggressive on the boards," she said. "The team is starting to see that they can compete with anyone we face."

On Monday, September 20,

Grayling lost to Roscommon 28-18.

"Our defense played great in the first half, but faltered in the third quarter, allowing Rosco to pull ahead," Coach McCullough said. "(We put in) a great defensive effort in the fourth, but our offense didn't catch fire until the last three minutes of play."

Riddle led the scoring with 13. Dunckley, Heather Metzger, and Jesse Ferrell also added points for GMS.

"We're starting to see the team work together more and utilize each other's strengths," McCullough said.

Last Monday, the Vikings took on Kalkaska at Kalkaska. The Blazers won the match 28-10.

Metzger, Riddle, Dunckley and Erica Parker scored points for Grayling.

"Our focus was to set up and run our offense and defense," said Coach McCullough. "We struggled with the offense, but are coming together defensively. Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start in the first quarter. We really shut down their scoring in the second half, but we couldn't catch up. A good effort overall."

The team's next games will be played in the Houghton Lake and Roscommon year-end basketball tournaments.

Soccer team ties one, loses one

► GHS ties with SVL 0-0, loses to Tawas by 2, 4-2

The GHS Varsity Soccer team completely outplayed both opponents last week but did not win a game. The scoring machine that produced 20 goals in two games the week before was silent.

Starting in Saginaw Monday night the GHS squad was looking to avenge an overtime loss from earlier in the season.

The first half was a wide open contest with the ball moving back and forth across the field as fast as the two teams could possibly push the ball forward. The Vikings had excellent scoring opportunities with shots by Kyle Langseth, Kane Madsen, Mike Pappas, James Kenney and Alex Letiouchev. The shots were off the goal posts or stopped by the Saginaw Valley Lutheran keeper.

The Saginaw offense pressed the GHS defense hard with very fast attacks to the corners and attempted crosses. Derek Gregorich, Josh Petrie, Josh Brannan and Per Lampinen stopped them time after time. GHS goalkeeper Dan Mead easily collected any balls that made it through.

In the second half the Vikings stepped it up a notch, dominating play for the full 40 minutes. Justin Fenn, Madsen, Kenney and Lampinen controlled midfield and kept the ball in the Saginaw end.

GHS had 22 shots on goal that were stopped by excellent goalkeeping. The game went into sudden death overtime with the score 0-0.

The Saginaw team tried to mount attacks but were stopped by the speed and athleticism of the Grayling defense and goalkeeper.

The SVL defense pulled off some miraculous saves of their own on excellent scoring attempts by the GHS midfield and forwards.

By the end of the two 15-minute periods GHS had 34 shots on goal without a score. Mead had 15 saves for Grayling.

After 140 minutes of blistering pace the score remained 0-0 and the Vikings went home with their only tie of the season.

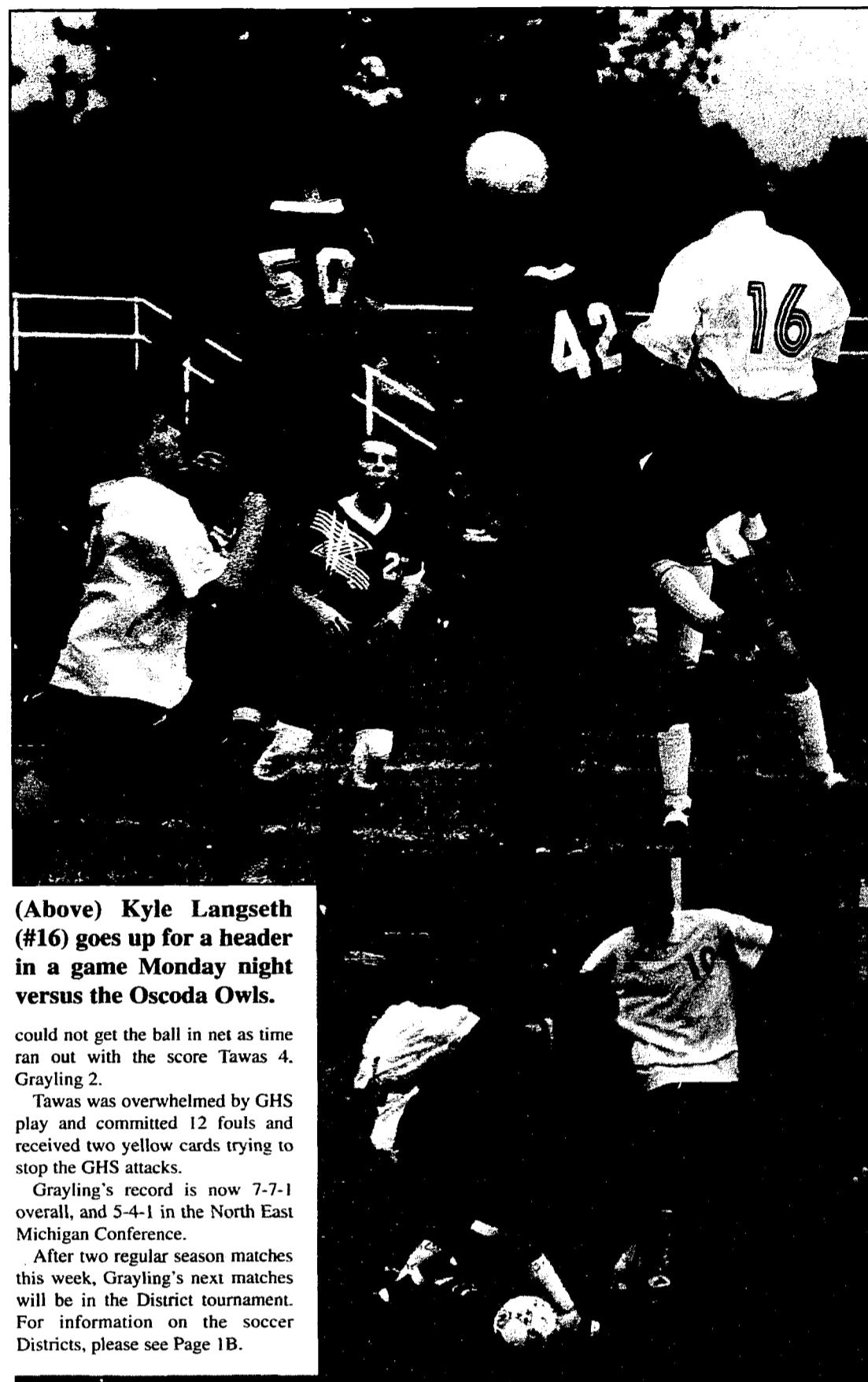
The game at home on Wednesday night was against the Tawas team vying for a first place spot in the conference standings. The GHS team outshot, outpassed and outplayed the Tawas Braves but still lost 4-2.

The Tawas team took full advantage of four GHS defensive mistakes and scored on each one, the only four shots Tawas had on goal in the entire 80-minute game.

The GHS team demonstrated a clinic on passing, teamwork and defense, but it didn't help.

GHS did not score until there was 14 minutes left in the game when Ryan Mirate Mirate was fouled in the penalty area, giving Grayling a penalty kick. Langseth hit the PK for the goal.

Pappas scored at seven minutes left with a great rebound after Langseth bounced one off the cross bar. GHS kept the pressure on and sent a flurry of attacks and shots, but



(Above) Kyle Langseth (#16) goes up for a header in a game Monday night versus the Oscoda Owls.

could not get the ball in net as time ran out with the score Tawas 4. Grayling 2.

Tawas was overwhelmed by GHS play and committed 12 fouls and received two yellow cards trying to stop the GHS attacks.

Grayling's record is now 7-7-1 overall, and 5-4-1 in the North East Michigan Conference.

After two regular season matches this week, Grayling's next matches will be in the District tournament. For information on the soccer Districts, please see Page 1B.



Mike Pappas takes a corner kick for Grayling.

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(Above) Viking defender Kane Madsen (#10) and forward Eric Hunter fight for the ball against an Oscoda opponent.

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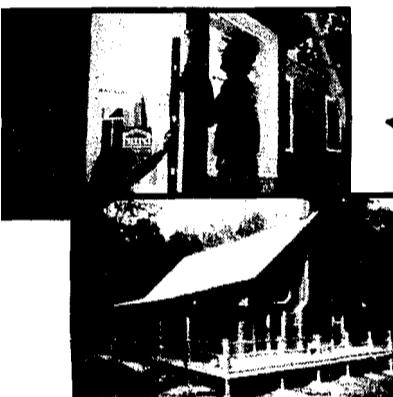
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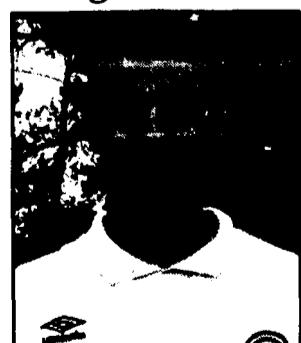
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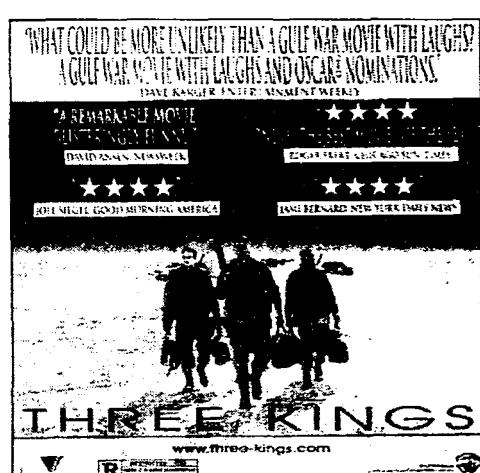
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Varsity Redskins outscore Dolphins

► Grayling players combine for 300 yards of offense, 32 points in victory

The Grayling Redskins varsity (8th grade) finished their regular season schedule on a winning note at an away game in Gladwin on Saturday, beating the Mio Dolphins 32-16. After giving up a touchdown on their opening kickoff, the team responded with a solid all-around effort to come up with the victory.

Coach Russ Strohpaul praised the "team attitude" exhibited by the players in coming back from the early deficit.

"The team did not get 'down' after falling behind and worked hard throughout the game," Strohpaul said. "Quite a number of players pitched in with strong efforts and big plays to secure the victory."

Defensive coach Steve Czapak credited a consistently strong defensive effort combined with timely big plays for holding the Dolphins to one offensive touchdown.

The Redskins forced four Mio turnovers including a pass tipped by Jeff Xiong that was intercepted by Shawn Kelly, two fumble recoveries by Dusty Partello and a fumble recovery for a touchdown by Shawn Gabriel.

Michael Salyers led the defensive line effort with 7 tackle assists, with

Darryl Babbitt, Dusty Partello and Aaron Rosecrans pitching in with 6 tackles/assists each, including an unassisted sack by Rosecrans that set the Dolphins back 20 yards on the play.

Offensive coach Ken Helsel praised the effort of the offensive squad that operated well with a two-quarterback system led by Zach Guardado and Chad Helsel.

According to Coach Helsel, "The offense really functioned well as a unit. We were able to convert on several fourth down situations and the team was effectively ran a 'hurry-up' offense at a couple of critical points in the game."

The offensive line handled the Mio defenders, leading to over 300

yards in offense by the Redskins. Roy Czapak had 81 all-purpose yards and one touchdown and Chad Peterson pitched in with 75 all-purpose yards. Travis Gildner had three pass receptions for 64 yards and Andy Strohpaul made a key 20-yard catch. Lucas Southard scored one touchdown while running up 125 rushing yards and also passed for 72 yards and another TD.

The strong effort extended to the special teams unit as Greg Warren converted all four extra point kicks from the hold of Greg Morrill.

The varsity Redskins will play their final game of the season, a one-game "super bowl" playoff game against a northern division team, this coming weekend.

F1 Redskins dominate Atlanta Eagles

► Grayling wins 32-6 in last game of the '99 season

The Freshmen 1 Redskins completed their season with a record of five wins and one loss as the 'Skins won an exciting home field romp over the Atlanta Eagles.

In a rocky first quarter, the Redskins defense held tough by not allowing a first down on the Eagles first series. After the punt, the Redskins turned the ball over on a first play fumble.

Again, the Redskin defense held fast and forced a fumble on the Eagles punt, giving the Grayling offense excellent field position on the Eagles 27-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage Joel Wilson ran untouched into the endzone for Grayling's first score.

The Eagles offense relinquished

the ball on downs following the kickoff as the Redskin defense continued to shut down the running game into the second quarter.

The Redskins offense took over and on two consecutive plays, a missed hand-off and a quarterback keeper, A.J. Powers scampered for 34 yards setting up a 17-yard Wilson touchdown run.

The Eagles turned up their passing game on the next series and drove the ball to the Grayling 19-yard line before the tough 'Skins defense forced the ball over on downs. Time ran out in the first half of play as the Redskins offense was setting up their next scoring drive.

After receiving the second half kick-off, the Redskins went to work, continuing the efforts of the first half. On second down, James Walker had the hometown crowd on their feet as he slipped around the end on a thrilling 33-yard run. The play set up Wilson's third touchdown run of the day.

Atlanta's offense went to work on the next possession, driving the ball 50 yards for the Eagles' only score.

Grayling's offense didn't rest with a 19-6 lead. The offensive line continued to create holes for the running backs, allowing them to have a great day. Both Neil Cook and Cory Metzler added touchdowns with Alan Lehman and Walker punching

Jesse Uricek (#58) and J.C. Schneider (#70) line up for a play on the Redskins offensive line.

through for extra points.

The Redskin defense frustrated the Eagles for the rest of the game with a Walker interception, knocked down passes, and a couple of sacks for losses. Eric Christman, David Gilliland and Wesley Lane stepped up their defensive game and contributed to the victory.

The season ended with all the Redskins working together as a team, under the guidance of coaches Rich Cook, John Schneider, Bobby McCuan, Wayne Metzler and Craig Stewart. Both the team and the coaches put a lot of time and effort into this exciting and successful season.

Redskins F2 team finishes at 5-2

► Grayling beats Mio, loses to Oilers in season finale

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Redskins Freshmen 2 team finished off a solid year last weekend at Jo-burg, losing to the Oilers 19-6. The week before, Grayling had extended its '99 season record to 5-1 with a 32-6 win over Mio at Pinconning.

In the Mio game, Reagan Schmidt scored three touchdowns for Grayling to lead the offensive effort. Zac Baker had one TD, and receiver Zach Dean had three catches to help the team's cause.

"Everyone did a great job," said Coach Jeff Parkinson. "We played great -- everyone contributed in this

game on offense and defense."

"Mio was unable to stop us, we were bigger than they were," he continued. "Mio was only able to score one touchdown all day. Our defense was great. We held them all afternoon and controlled their front line to stop them on each drive."

"This was a team effort just like it was all year. The kids had fun, and this win they earned together with execution and effort," Parkinson said.

The team played its last game of the season last weekend at home against the Jo-burg Oilers. Jo-burg won 19-6.

The Oilers scored one touchdown in the first period to go up 6-0, but Grayling later tied it at 6-6 on a 32-yard reverse play run by Robert Starks. The score was still tied at halftime, but Grayling was unable to score in the second half.

"It was a good, hard-hitting game," said Coach Parkinson. "In the second half they dominated our lines and were able to move the ball and score twice."

"We played good," he said. "They were just hitting harder than us."

The loss put Grayling's final record at 5-2 for 1999.

"Five and two is still a good record for our team. They should all be real proud of their effort all year. The coaches were all proud to coach this group of kids," Parkinson said. "Those moving up to JV will all contribute, and those kids staying at Freshmen 2 will all be a great football team next year."

"We had great kids and great support from the parents this year," he added.

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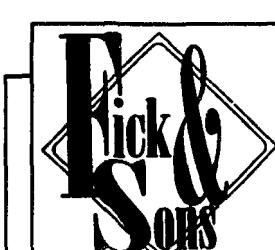
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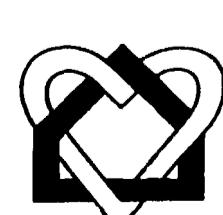
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Vikings win last home game of '99



(Above) Coach Patterson talks things over with his Vikings during a timeout last Friday against Standish. Grayling ended up winning the game 21-14.

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After a GHS timeout, the Vikings scored on a 28-yard pass play to Youngblood. With about 20 seconds on the first half clock, Youngblood made another fine catch, coming up with the TD reception with a dive near the back of the endzone. After Burkett's kick, GHS led 21-6.

The second half of the game was a defensive battle. The first three possessions of the half resulted in punts (two by Grayling, one by SSC).

The Viking defense forced a fumble on the next Panther possession, as Victor CdeBaca knocked the ball loose, and Nick Bayham recovered for GHS.

Grayling drove deep into Standish territory, but a costly offensive pass interference infraction on 3rd and 5 resulted in loss of down and a 15-yard penalty. GHS tried for a field goal, but missed.

With 3:11 left in the third period, Standish began a long march down the field. The Panthers eventually scored on an 11-yard TD pass, and converted the two-point try to make the score 21-14 Grayling.

With a little over seven minutes left to play, the Panthers had put the game within reach. Grayling's

next possession was an important one.

The Vikings did what they needed to do: gain yards, get first downs, and eat up the clock.

From their own 30, the Vikings moved all the way to the Standish 10-yard line. Solid defense by SSC on GHS running plays brought up 4th and 7 at the 10. With 1:04 left in the game, Grayling's Per Lampinen came in for a field goal attempt to seal the game.

Lampinen hit, but an illegal procedure penalty moved Grayling back five yards. The second try missed, and with about a minute left in the contest, Standish had a chance to win the game.

After two failed pass tries, SSC connected for a first down on 3rd and 10. From their own 39 and with 0:54 to go, the Panthers were still in it.

Grayling's defense stepped up big, halting the drive with stops on four consecutive pass attempts to seal the victory.

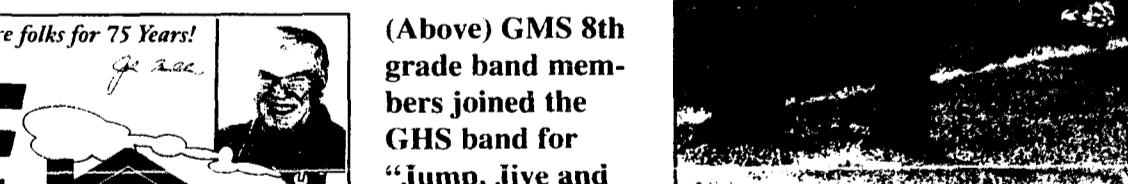
GHS took a knee to kill the few remaining seconds after taking over on downs. Grayling won 21-14.

The team is now 3-5.

Grayling's final game of the year will be played at Oscoda on Friday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m.

(Left) The Grayling High School Marching Band performs at its last football halftime of the season.

(Below) GHS Color Guard members perform their final number of the year at halftime, with a dance to the tune of Gap Band's "You Dropped a Bomb on Me," as played by the Grayling band. Upfront are (left to right) Amy Stevenson and Colby Davis.



(Above) GMS 8th grade band members joined the GHS band for "Jump, Jive and Wail" at halftime.

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(Left to right) Ball boys Patrick Belcher and Zeke Hayes worked hard on the sidelines all season. Hayes even survived a collision with a player on a hard tackle out of bounds. Photos by Caleb Casey

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LEGAL ACTION**FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

WILLIAM AZKOUL, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Harold Mills and Katherine L. Mills, husband and wife, of 7086 Batterson Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 26, 1999, and recorded on June 22, 1999, in Liber 484, Page 352, of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Sixty Six Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$37,066.17) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on November 3, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell at the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan, Grayling,

Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

The West 65 feet of the East 330 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the South East 1/4 of Section 2 Town 27 North, Range 4 West. Item #030-002-016-040-00

which has an address of 7086 Batterson Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Dated: Sept. 17, 1999

Drafted by:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa, N.W. Ste. 111-A
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Tri County Meats**Viking of the Week**

Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson
MATT MITCHELL & CHET WHEELER

Mitchell (left), a senior, finished his high school career with 22 wins and 7 medalist honors. This year he earned his second straight team MVP Award. Wheeler finished his 2nd varsity season with 7 team wins, 3 medalist honors, and a winning percentage of 78%. Chet won the team's "Most Consistent" and "Most Improved" honors.

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Golf team wraps up '99 season

► **Two Viking golfers earn all conference honors**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Golf Team finished its 1999 season with the 19-team Regionals competition at Boyne Mountain on Friday, October 8. With a total score of 363, the Vikings finished sixth out of the field of 19 teams.

Grayling's Matt Mitchell placed 11th out of 95 golfers with an 86. Also shooting well for Grayling were Chet Wheeler with 91, Kyle Roman at 93, and Max Schreiner at 94.

"Great scores for these guys on the toughest greens of the year," said Coach Herb Olson.

The golf team played in the North East Michigan Conference meet on Wednesday, October 6. Grayling

shot a 382 for a final team score at the tournament, which was held at "The Dream" in West Branch.

Roman was the top Viking shooter with 91. Wheeler was right behind him at 92. Mitchell scored a 97, and Nate Everson golferd a 102.

Kyle ended up 15th out of 45," said Coach Olson. "Matt's season point total gave him second team all-conference honors. Chet's point total ranked him fifth in the league for first team all-conference honors."

In the team's last regular season meet of the year, Grayling took on Fairview and Kalkaska at home on September 30. GHS beat Fairview by 17 strokes, but lost by one stroke to the Blazers.

Final scores were: GHS 171, Kalkaska 170, and Fairview 188.

Schreiner and Wheeler tied for the top spot in Grayling scoring with 41. Mitchell and Bob Collin both shot 43, and Roman and

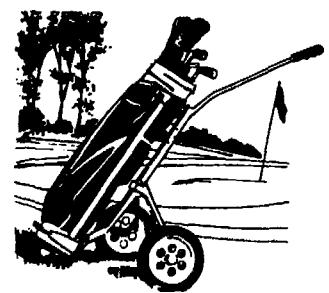
Everson both scored 46.

"Great rounds out of Max and Bob," said Olson. "Best of their seasons."

"We had no problem with Fairview, but had another one-stroke loss to Kalkaska," he added.

(The top GHS JV golfers in the Fairview/Kalkaska meet were: Mike Latusek, 56; Justin Schreiber, 51; and Jensen Dreasky, 60.)

On a final note, Mitchell won the team MVP Award for the second straight season this year. Wheeler took team "Most Improved" and "Most Consistent" honors.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 98-4645-CR(D)
MARIAN GRAHAM and GERALD GRAHAM, plaintiff, -vs- THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker Defendant.

MONTE BURMEISTER P48732
BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES
Attorney for Plaintiff
300 State St., P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (517) 348-6141

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 17th day of September 1999.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT'S OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, AND HEIRS AND DECEDENTS OF FREDERICK L. BARKER. It is the order of the court that the Defendant shall be given notice that Default has been entered against the Defendants and the attached Default Judgment Quieting Title in Property will be entered if no further action is taken within 28 days of the first publication of this Notice. This notice will be published for 3 consecutive weeks in the Crawford County Avalanche and posted on the realty affected.

SO ORDERED:
HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS (P-24472)

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Dated: 9/17/99

DEFAULT JUDGMENT QUIETING TITLE IN PROPERTY

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 17th day of September, 1999.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

BASED UPON the filing of Plaintiff's Default entry and supporting Affidavit Concerning default Entry, and THIS COURT having entered its Default entry, NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED THAT any interest held by Defendant, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker, in the title to the property which is the subject of this suit and which is described as being located within the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and identified as follows:

Ownership interest in the 17 foot gap between the two parcels identified in the legal description described as follows;

Land situated in Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: A piece or parcel of land bounded by and included within a line as follows: Commencing at a point 316 feet North and 66 feet East of the Center of Section 35, Town 28 North, range 4 West running thence East 84 feet; thence North 267 feet; thence West 84 feet; thence South 267 feet to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the South West 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying on the West side of the adjoining right of way of the D & C R.R.

AND ALSO: A lot commencing at a point on the North and South quarter line 4 chains and 90 links North of the center of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West; thence East 66 feet; thence North 96 feet; thence West 66 feet; thence South 96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND: Parcel "A": Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the center of said Section 35; thence N89°36'E (along the East and West 1/4 line) 167.08 feet; thence N00°50'E 267 feet; thence N89°36' 100.00 feet to the Westely right of way of the P.C.R.R.; thence S00°50'W (along said right of way) 267 feet; thence S89°36'W 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION DESCRIBES THE PROPERTY NOTED ABOVE AND INCLUDES AN APPARENT GAP BETWEEN PARCELS.

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the North 1/4

corner of said Section 35; thence S01°38'28"W along the N-S 1/4 line 2239.00 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing S01°38'28"W 96.00 feet; thence N89°36'00"E 66.00 feet; thence S01°38'28"W 7.40 feet; thence N89°36'00"E 196.62 feet; thence N00°50'00"E along the Right of Way of the P.C. Rail Road 267.00 feet; thence S89°36'00"W 192.86 feet; thence S01°38'28"W 163.71 feet, thence S89°36'00"W 66.00 feet to the Point of Beginning SUBJECT TO: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements, if any.

is hereby vested in the Plaintiff by virtue of this Order Quietting Title in favor of the Plaintiff.

SO ORDERED

-14-21-28

ried. See attached.
Discussion of Community Improvement Authority appointments.

99-100

Moved by Stevens, supported by Brown to appoint the following people to the C.I.A. Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, motion carried.

Kathy Bourrie, David Sabin, Jim Burch, Stephen Southard, Mike Seales, Joseph Wakeley, John Cherven, Ann Stephenson, Michele Butzin.

New Business

99-101

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to appoint Terry McGregor Acting City Manager. Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Art Thayer expressed his concern about loose pets in the City, particularly cats. He suggested licensing same as dogs and possible City ordinance to control the problem.

Golnick advised that it was a County function to enforce animal control.

Stevens offered to meet with County Commissioners to discuss further.

Reports of City Manager

None

Reports of Council Members

a. Ms. Palmer requested use of the Council Chambers for Community Mediations Board meeting November 8, 1999 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Council agreed providing the room has not been previously booked.

b. Ms. Palmer brought to the board's attention a meeting concerning highway funding to be held Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Morford informed her he had planned to attend.

c. Palmer questioned the absence of the advertisement for City Manager in the local Avalanche, and questioned if revisions should be made. Mr. Morford assured her he would contact the Avalanche and have them re-run the ad, as it was omitted in error.

d. Mayor Stevens congratulated Jerry Morford on his retirement and thanked him for his dedicated service to our community.

e. Mayor Stevens thanked Betty Cde Baca for the fine job she did on Jerry's open house held Monday, September 27, 1999. She worked very hard and the Council appreciates her efforts.

f. Golnick also thanked Jerry and congratulated him on his retirement.

g. Brown apologized for not attending the open house but explained she could not get away during the day and was sorry the open house was not held after working hours.

99-102

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes 5, Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Morford

City Manager

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 27th day of September 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Gojnwick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor City Treasurer, Judy Morford, Karl Schreiner, Michele Butzin, Bob Butzin, Dennis Palmer, Kathy Bourrie, Art Thayer, Steve Doyle, Roger Mosher and Dennis Long.

Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None

Communications were received and noted.

a. City of Evart re: scheduled speaker b. Grayling Housing Commission minutes (2) sets.

Old Business

99-99

a. Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to adopt the approved benefit changes for Grayling Housing Commission, from C-1 to B2. Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, motion car

VOTERS NOTICE

Public accuracy test of electronic voting system to be used in the November 2, 1999 City Council Election will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at the Grayling City Office.

Kay Ellen King
Dep. Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHARON M.

HADLEY AND CHARLES T. HADLEY,

Husband and Wife, of 7516 North White

Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738,

Mortgagors, to FIRST FINANCE, which is

organized and existing under the laws of

Michigan and whose address is 6785

Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301,

Mortgage, dated December 8, 1997, and

recorded in the office of the Register of

Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State

of Michigan, on December 17, 1997, in Liber

443 Page 333 of Crawford County Records,

which mortgage was thereafter assigned to

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee,

3 Park Plaza, 16th Floor, Irvine, CA 92614

and recorded on July 10, 1998 in the office of

the Register of Deeds for said County of

Crawford in Liber 457 Page 551 of Crawford

County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 87/100 (\$64,445.87) DOLLARS.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, December 24, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, or said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11.85% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as fol-

lows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

Tax I.D. No. 020-026-007-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 14, 1999

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE

Assignee of Mortgagee
ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
1373 Balfour
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
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(517) 348-6811

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report CITY OF GRAYLING WATER SUPPLY

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we take to protect and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Our water sources are *Ground Water located at (Well 1), Connine Dr. (Well 2), Roberts Road off North Down River Road*.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Doug Duby, 517-348-2131. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

The City of Grayling Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1998. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (MCL) The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level - (AL) The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Many constituents were tested for, but not detected or detected at low but safe levels in our water supply such as radioactive contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, volatile organic contaminants.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of October 24-30

Aries March 21-April 20

Take time for exercise and health. You will have plenty of energy for this and more. Take on projects and plans you may have been avoiding. Be careful not to get too comfortable—situations have a way of changing for better and worse.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Keep a watchful eye and deal with small obstacles before they become major stumbling blocks. Friends may have good suggestions and ideas but are apprehensive about your reaction. Stay calm, listen and take advice in the spirit it is offered.

Gemini May 22-June 21

This is not a time to remember old hurts. Let bygones be bygones and move forward. Dwelling on the past keeps you from clearly seeing your goal. Someone behind the scenes is working for you. Be willing to accept a peace offering if one is offered.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Job issues may be coming to a head, but they will be resolved in your favor if you go with the flow and don't force things. Home, family and friends provide a refuge. People will come to your support if you take a low-key attitude.

Leo July 23-August 23

Take an honest look at yourself—seeing yourself as others do could keep you from becoming entangled in an unpleasant situation. Don't let your heart rule your head in work-related matters. Trust your instincts for best results.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Romance could be on your agenda. Be aware of what is going on around you—much of what takes place could be behind the scenes. Someone you thought was on your side may be straddling the fence. Accept people and situations as they are.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Libra September 23-October 23

Reassurance from you is needed by a younger person. Concerns over health will be resolved in your favor, but let others help if needed. A night out on the town or a special event could boost your self-esteem. Change what you can and don't worry about the rest.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Conserve your energy, focus your efforts and don't spread yourself too thin. You work best now in the background, away from the limelight. Let others take the bows and the heat. Not all who agree with you are necessarily on your side.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Work and family issues are sharing equal time. Try to work toward a balance. Going to extremes won't lead to best results. Take time to rest and relax in order to be at your best. A quiet evening at home could work wonders for your outlook.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Family squabbles could intensify. Stay above the situation and work as a peacemaker. You'll know the right thing to say and the right time to say it. Your work situation cools down and leaves you in a stronger position. Don't forget health and exercise plans.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Help others, but stand up for your rights and beliefs. Don't be afraid to speak out—you'll be taken seriously. A person you considered an enemy may just be insecure. Avoid getting bogged down in small details.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Play the waiting game. You will come out ahead by not rushing. Get all the facts before making a decision. Time is on your side. A short trip could be beneficial. Friends and family want to show support but may not know how. Be receptive.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

S'morffins

6 english muffins, lightly toasted & buttered

8 milk chocolate bars (1.55 oz. each) divided

3 cups miniature marshmallows, divided

3 pints vanilla ice cream

1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped & toasted walnuts, divided

hot fudge or caramel sauce, warmed (optional)

lightly melt chocolate. Arrange 1/4 cup marshmallows on each muffin half; press into melted chocolate. Broil muffins about 6 inches from heat source, until the marshmallows are puffed and golden brown and chocolate has melted. Scoop ice cream onto prepared muffin halves; then top with 2 tablespoons walnuts. Spoon heated fudge or caramel sauce over each S'morffin, if desired. Serve immediately.

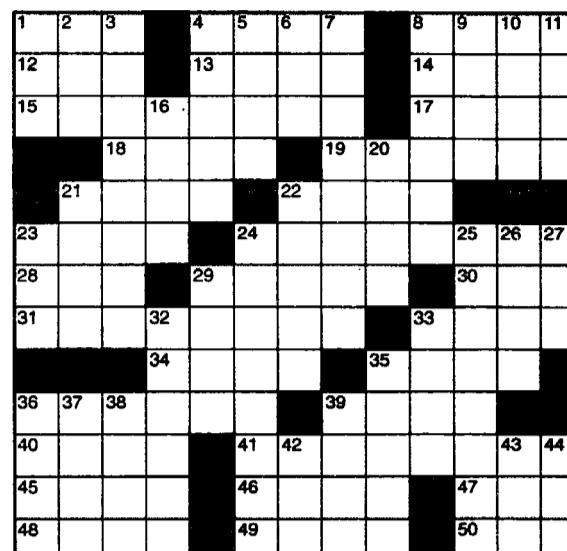
Place muffins on foil-lined baking sheet. Break chocolate bars in squares. Top each muffin half with eight (8) chocolate squares. Broil, in preheated broiler, to just

TIP: Rotate pan to toast marshmallows evenly.



HOME NEEDED - Taz is a 3 year old Irish Setter mix. He is housebroken and neutered. Friendly, quiet dog. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago October 21, 1976

About 60 people attended an open meeting Wednesday evening to discuss the animal control problem in the county. The need for an Animal Shelter, its approximate cost and means of financing it were discussed.

Two 12 year old boys from Grayling, Brian Stephan and James Shrader tied for first in the 20 mile March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon. Seventy one year old Mary Scott of Roscommon completed the walk and came in a three way tie for third along with Penny Anderson and Julie Stephenson.

46 Years Ago October 22, 1953

Bob Goudzwaard of Grand Rapids was injured early last Friday morning when shot in the back by an arrow near Red Oak. He and his hunting companions were re-enacting a hunting scene from the previous evening when they believed they had shot a deer. He stationed himself near where they expected the arrow to fall, then stepped behind a tree, while his partner shot. Thinking he heard the arrow fall he stepped out from behind the tree just in time to be shot in the back.

Lake Margrethe is 1.36 feet lower than its maximum recorded depth; however, it is .46 feet above the recorded minimum.

Dave Steele has returned to his base after a furlough from Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Shirley returned with him expecting to remain for a short time.

Sidney Stapleton and four friends of Alma enjoyed the weekend hunting near Lovells and Frederic. The boys are employed as truckers for Mic-West Oil Co. While here Sid met his friends, the Tom Howards, whom he hasn't seen in five years.

Louis Buchanan has returned to Brown's cabins after a tour of the western states.

Captain and Mrs. Leonard Knibbs and daughters arrived home from

today. A native of Grayling, Jorgenson has been an employee of Michigan Consolidated since 1969.

Mrs. Eva Jeanne Smith was delighted this past week at her AuSable River cabin by a visit from Miss Sheila Natelson of Long Island, New York. Miss Natelson is a music critic and Mrs. Smith is a jazz pianist, and they have many friends in the music world.

Russell Caid and his sons of Detroit spent several days bird hunting around Lovells. While here they occupied the A.R. Caid cottage.

69 Years Ago October 23, 1930

From balmy sunshiny days to winter weather has been the record since our last edition. Some Friday afternoon snow flurries made their appearance. More or less snow fell until Monday and at one time there was close to three inches.

Amos Hunter is in Ann Arbor, where he underwent an operation on his nose at University Hospital.

Mrs. A. J. Joseph is attending the convention of the Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs in Jackson.

Today the school is holding its 4th annual class rush.

New Nash prices: Nash Six - \$795; Eight two-door sedan - \$955.

92 Years Ago October 24, 1907

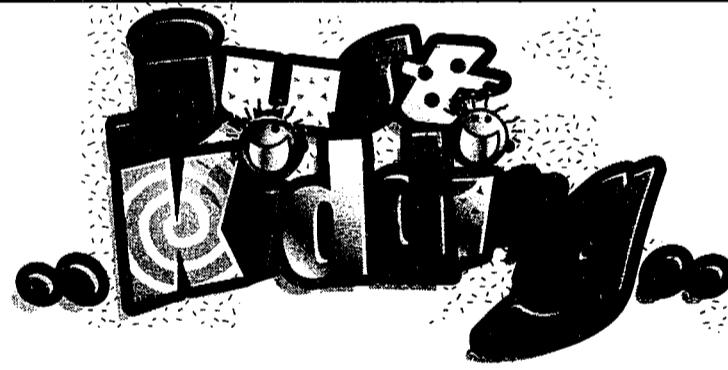
Sunday night was the coldest for the season, the mercury registered 16 degrees.

Floyd Taylor is teaching a two month term in Dist. No. 1 Maple Forest.

John Benson has bought the saloon property of P. Buck, and is now his own landlord.

Andrew Peterson, the jeweler, is in Chicago buying stock to fill the new store.

Nick Nelson is home again from his pleasure trip to his old home in Denmark. He says he enjoyed the trip, but was almost a stranger there, after being away for 18 years.



FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FIVE AND SIX



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Rainfall
10/12	64	38	0.41"
10/13	48	26	0.31"
10/14	50	26	0.18"
10/15	64	40	0.15"
10/16	61	33	
10/17	47	33	0.05"
10/18	41	36	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday - mostly cloudy with chance of rain or snow in the morning with a high of 40-45. Thursday - dry, with a low of 30-35 and a high near 50. Friday - dry, with a low of 35-40 and a high near 55. Saturday - chance of showers mixed with snow, with a low of 35-40 and a high near 50.

2. For Rent

WORKING IN THE AREA or need temporary housing. Kitchenettes available by the week or month. 517-348-8471. (-14-21-28/2)

TWO BEDROOM CABIN Small, no pets. \$325 a month plus utilities. Day phone 517-344-8585 after 5 p.m. 517-348-5160. (-21/2)

NEW RENT SCHEDULE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION

Effective October 12, 1999

Family 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units have new maximum rents in place.

Two-bedroom flat rent = \$350.00 includes utilities.
Three-bedroom flat rent = \$375.00 includes utilities.
Four-bedroom flat rent = \$400.00 includes utilities.

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is still calculated on 30% of income. You choose the rent you want to pay based on 30% of your income, or the flat rent listed above. Applications are free.

The Grayling Housing Commission is located at
308 Lawndale Drive



Telephone: 517-348-9314

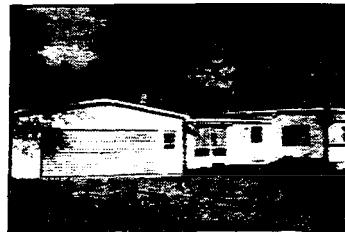
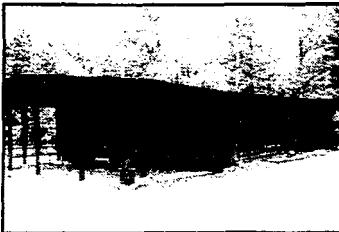
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1. Real Estate

River Country Real Estate

See all of our listings at:

www.century21grayling.com



What a great "Up North" retreat! This cute log cabin has 3 bedrooms, bathroom, living room with an efficient, Lopi wood stove for a back up heat source and plenty of out buildings to store all your toys. New septic and drain field, newly conditioned well with new pump & accumulation tank, outside lighting and so much more. #451 Reduced \$49,900 Ask for Connie Winans!



Beautiful country living on 5 acres only minutes from Grayling. New carpeting, oak kitchen cabinets, easily heated with 6" insulation in walls and 14" ceilings. The heated 2 story pole building has lots of room for a workshop and storing all your toys and vehicles! #4470 Reduced \$87,500 Ask for John Kuzak!



Stunning, custom built home offering handbuilt oak staircase, vaulted cathedral cedar ceiling in great room, hardwood ash floor in kitchen, southern yellow pine floors in baths, ceramic tile kitchen countertops with oak trim, oak kitchen cabinets, cedar finished sewing room easily adapted for sauna or 3rd bath, and so much more! #4450 \$75,000 Ask for Randall Hartley!

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2. For Rent

MAXI STORAGE 80 ft x 24 ft five bay building with 12 ft x 10 ft overhead doors with electric. Rent all or will divide. 3464 North Down River Rd. (517) 348-4486 (LR12/2/99/2)

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX New carpet, lawn care, adult, non-smoking unit. \$325 plus utilities. deposit, rental and employment refer. 310B Rolla. Phone 517-348-2178. (10/14/99f/2)

COZY CABINS in wooded setting. Year round living at affordable prices. New paint and carpeting with showers and toilet. LP heat and electric included in rent. Cabin one has a new cube refrigerator and microwave and rents for \$220 per month. Cabin two may be available soon and features a separate bedroom and living room and rents for \$460 per month. Cabin six has a separate kitchen and dining area and rents for \$375 per month. Located at the newly refurbished Lost Acres at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, approximately 2.5 miles south of Waters. Security deposit is \$150 each. No pets allowed. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976. (-21-21-28/2)

FOR RENT Three bedroom home near high school. \$450 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals 517-275-5225, available early in November. (-21-28/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger St. in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-21-28-4/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Two bedroom, one bath, washer, dryer hook-up. Refrigerator, range, utilities not included. No pets, \$450 month plus \$450 security deposit. 6272 Old Lake Rd., Grayling. 517-348-4716 (10/21/99f/2)

NICE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE. Very clean, great location. Includes water, lawn maintenance and snow removal. \$400 per month plus utilities. \$400 deposit. References required. Available November 1. Call 517-348-4464. (-21-21/2)

WANTED LICENSED DAYCARE PERSON, preferably located in the City of Grayling. I will need someone full-time, starting the end of November, for a three year old and infant. Serious inquiries only. Mail a letter of interest and references to: CB Sitter, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 (10/7/99f/3)

NIGHT COOK WANTED Benefits available for full-time. Apply in person at Spikes Keg O'Nails. (-21-28/3)

SHIPPING CLERK A Midland area manufacturing plant seeks a reliable applicant for immediate full-time opening. Requirements: Inventory Control, Traffic, Material Certification, accurate Data Entry and excellent Grammar Skills. We offer a competitive compensation package including Vacation, 401(K), Medical and Dental Benefits. Please send your resume and salary requirements to:

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom unit for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Persons must be 62 yrs. or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy available. Barrier free apartments. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-21-28-4/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX near town. Heat, washer/dryer included \$535 per month, first and last to move in. 517-348-6938 (10/7/99f/2)

GUEST HOUSE Available immediately! Features access to Lake Margrethe, one bedroom, large living/dining area with fireplace, efficient kitchen and 3/4 bath. Electricity, garbage and snow removal included. Newly remodeled, cozy and efficient in a very quiet neighborhood. Available on a month to month lease (two month minimum) at \$350 per month, plus security and cleaning deposit. References required. No pets allowed. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976. (-21-21-28/2)

NEEDED IN-HOME CARE-GIVERS Please call 517-348-9642. (-21-28/3)

FULL TIME Police/Fire Dept. Secretary. Applicants must have knowledge in word processing, database and spread sheets. Position offers competitive wages and benefits. Send resume to City of Grayling, 103 S. James Street, Grayling, MI 49738 or take resume to Michigan Works Office at 2405 S. I-75 Business Loop. Resumes will be accepted until October 22, 1999. E.O.E. (-21-21/3)

ATTENTION: WORK FROM HOME Earn an extra \$450-\$1,500 P/T or \$2,000-\$4,500 plus F/T/month. Call 1-800-285-2048. (-21-28/3)

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FOOD SALES REP Wholesaler needs your GROCERY INDUSTRY EXP. - we train you for Success! Letter or resume: SBC, POB 20551, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Earn Extra Money Delivering Telephone Books

No Experience/Flexible Hours Starting in November

We need people to deliver the new GTE telephone directories in Gaylord, Grayling, Houghton Lake Heights, Roscommon and surrounding areas.

To deliver you must be at least 18 years old, have the use of an insured vehicle and be available 5 daylight hours.

To request a route in your neighborhood:
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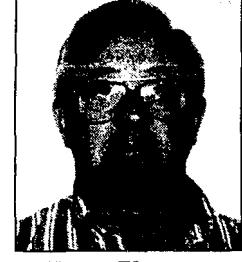
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Tom Slavens
Sales Associate

QUIET AND SERENE describes this vacation home. Close to the AuSable River with lots of hardwood. Weekend or year around. Great hunting and snowmobiling. Lots of room to relax and enjoy life. Features are wraparound porch, walk out full basement with sliding doorwall and a large storage shed. You can enjoy quiet walks through nature trails on this 10 acre parcel. \$79,000 TS-913



NEWER THREE-BEDROOM HOME. Well insulated and vaulted knotty pine ceiling, upstairs has open loft. Full finished basement. Two car garage with back drive through door. Landscaped yard, with mixture of hardwoods. Close to Golf Mecca and snowmobile trails. \$113,900 TS-874



NEW MANUFACTURED HOME on large wooded lot. Close access to state land and East Branch AuSable River. Part of AuSable Woods Association with clubhouse and pool. Private road. Lots of potential and room for a garage, etc. \$62,000 TS-990



VERY WELL KEPT HOME. Lots of extra room on 2 lots. Close to town, but not too close. Located on a backroad in a great neighborhood. Neat as a pin! Clean as a whistle. Large porch to relax on. Plenty of room in oversized garage to hold vehicles, recreational toys and a workshop. All this and more and only minutes from Grayling. \$89,000 TS-1021

3. Employment**ACTING-UP THEATRE COMPANY**

We seek a teaching artist to work in elementary schools. Must be self-motivated, responsible, reliable and work well with children. Good transportation a must. Theatrical experience preferred. This is a full-time salaried position, that will run from January to May. Send resume to: P.O. Box 732, Suite 124, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-14-21/3)

ATTN: 17 PEOPLE needed to lose weight. Teresa lost 23 pounds in 30 days! All natural. Dr. approved. Call Karen toll free 888-373-6468, visit www.dareto-bethin.com (-14-21/3)

GRAND LEDGE: Room and board, salary, paid vacation for middle aged lady to work in our six bed A.F.C. home. Must be energetic, self-motivated. No car needed. Call 1-517-627-8218. (-21-3)

PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT POSITION with a conservation organization. Related experience required. Familiarity with Quick Books, and Microsoft Office a plus. Flexible schedule. Competitive wages, commensurate with experience and education. Send resume, cover letter, and references to: HP, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-21-28/3)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

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MERCY AMICARE HOME CARE & HOSPICE

Affiliated with the Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System

MERCY AMICARE HOME CARE & HOSPICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

HOMECARE - IMMEDIATE OPENING - Full Time Respiratory Care Coordinator & Contingent Respiratory Therapist. Both positions are responsible for initial in-home respiratory equipment set up and instruction. Coordinator responsibilities include coordinating day-to-day respiratory services, in home visits and setting priorities in collecting data and developing a plan of treatment with minimal on-call responsibilities. The successful candidate for the Coordinator position will be a Registered Respiratory Therapist with 1-2 years durable medical equipment experience a plus. The successful candidates for Contingent Therapist Technician will be Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Technician and will assist with after hours and weekend duties. Contact Maureen Hayes, Homecare Clinical Manager.

HOMECARE - Contingent Pediatric RN's. One or more years of professional nursing experience required. Med/Surg. or ICU experience desirable. Must have well developed assessment skills and ability to work independently. Excellent wages and mileage reimbursement. On-call responsibilities. Contact Maureen Hayes, Homecare Clinical Manager.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383
OR
FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

MERCY AMICARE HOME CARE & HOSPICE IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE AND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

EMPLOYMENT

WANTED WRECKER DRIVER Will do calls and snowplowing, must have chauffeur license and clean record. 517-370-6813 (-21-28/3)

DRIVERS Set your sights on Big Bucks driving for Tandem Transport Corp. Minimum of \$800/week, 40 cents/mile. Plus many other company paid benefits. Call 1-800-551-9057 today. Tandem Transport Corp. Michigan City, IN. www.tand.com EOE (-21/3)

AUTO TECHNICIAN Light duty auto technician. Requires state certification and tools. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional dealership working environment. Plenty of work available. Monday thru Friday. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. (517) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (7/22/99tf/3)

STYLIST NEEDED for busy full service salon in Roscommon. Must work well with others and self-motivated. Full or part-time wanted. Inquire within. Studio Five, 451 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon. No phone calls please. (-14-21/3)

RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT needed for busy salon. Very personable and can deal well with the public. Hiring full or part-time assistant. Must enjoy working with others. Inquire within. Studio Five, 451 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon. No phone calls please. (-14-21/3)

WANT TO EARN free Tupperware? Call Teresa at 517-348-5863. (-21/3)

UTILITY/OPERATION TEAM MEMBER Weyerhaeuser, a global leader in pulp, paper and packaging, wood products and timberland management has the following opportunity available at our Grayling facility. You will provide general and preventative manufacturing/production functions utilizing reliable processes for continuous improvement of mill operations. Requires a HS diploma and one plus year work experience. Must have current MSDL a good driving record, the ability to lift up to 50 pounds and to work rotating shifts, including weekends and holidays. Excellent math skills required. A security background check, physical examination, and pre-employment drug screen (negative results) will be required. Send resume by 11/1/99 to: Weyerhaeuser, Attn: HR Manager, 4111 W. Four Mile Road, Grayling, MI 49738, or Fax: (517) 348-8226. Resumes may also be dropped off at the Guardhouse. Weyerhaeuser is an Equal Opportunity Employer, building a capable, committed, diverse work force. (-21/3)

3. Employment

RESIDENT MANAGERS needed for apartment complexes in Rogers City, Clare and Big Rapids. Must be willing to live on site, have good communication skills and general knowledge of building maintenance. Prefer a couple. Send resume to Stratford Group Ltd., P.O. Box 517, Alpena, MI 49707. (-14-21-28/4-3)

4. Services Offered

GET READY FOR WINTER Snow plowing Grayling area, reasonable rates. Days 517-348-5242; evenings 517-348-5178. (-21-28-4-11/4)

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5. For Sale

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8. Announcements**Estate Sale**

October 22, 23, 24 • Fri. & Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 10-4
6785 Smith's Trail • Lovells, MI

Directions: From Grayling - Hartwick Pines Rd. (M-93) to end. Turn right 9 miles to Lovells. Right again on Lovells Rd. (F-97) by Caid's gas station and party store. 3.1 miles to Smith's Trail on right. From North Down River Rd. go to Lovells Rd. (F-97) turn left 5.2 miles. Watch for signs and balloons.

Furniture: sideboard, Hoosier, dressers, 4 poster bed (twin), double bed, round oak table - 6 chairs, end tables, rocker, misc. chairs and much more.

Misc.: two tub washing machines, snowshoes, fishing creel, Pepsi Cooler, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, tools - power and hand.

Cabin and garage are busting at the seams. Come help us clean it out. Garage will open at 8:30 for early shoppers.

Conducted by: Heirloom Estate Sales - (517) 348-2482

Q: Who qualifies for Hospice care?

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6. Wanted

WANTED LICENSED DAYCARE PERSON, preferably located in the City of Grayling. I will need someone full-time, starting the end of November, for a three year old and infant. Serious inquiries only. Mail a letter of interest and references to: CB Sitter, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 (10/7/99tf/6)

WANTED OLD BEAR ARCHERY bows, equipment, pictures, etc. Especially looking for magazine racks and lamps put together by Al Moore. Please call Pete Kocefas 517-348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (9/30/99tf/6)

7. Miscellaneous

\$300 REWARD Gray long-haired female cat, last seen 8/25 in the Grayling area, answers to Kuble. 906-346-6056 (-14-21-28-4/7)

FOUND CALICO KITTEN by Borchers Canoe Livery. Very verbal. 517-348-4068. (-21/7)

7. Miscellaneous

LEAH JACOBS, SINGER/SONGWRITER from Detroit coming to Grayling playing at Friends and Company Coffee House, Saturday, October 23, 8 p.m. 517-348-1041 (-21/7)

FREE FILL SAND You haul. 517-348-8203. (-21/7)

LOST CAT Black and white female. Her name is Dinah. Last seen September 18 on E. M-72, 1/2 mile outside of town. Reward! If found, please call 517-348-2596 or 517-348-1054. (-14-21/7)

8. Announcements

LEAH JACOBS, SINGER/SONGWRITER from Detroit, coming to Grayling playing at Friends and Company Coffee House, Saturday, October 23, 8 p.m. 517-348-1041 (-21/8)

SPEAKEASY SALOON Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing - Oct. 20 - Oct. 23 Denny Luce, Oct. 27 - Oct. 30 Risque. (-21-28/8)

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IF YOU LOVE your children don't let them trick or treat down Warner Drive. Lots of candy but they will not come back alive. (-21/8)

Grayling Eagles Aux. 3465 Ninth Annual Craft & Bake Sale! November 20th 9 am-4 pm Tables Available Call 344-1088

-21-28-4/8

Answers

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8. Announcements

ATTENTION: SPIKE'S GUESTS we have two new menu features: Our Friday Fish Fry now has extended hours and lower prices, serving from noon until 4 p.m., all you can eat is \$5.95, a single portion is \$3.50, if you can't make it early our regular fish fry serves from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.75. Saturday's feature, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., is a Prime Rib dinner for \$9.95. Spike's Keg O'Nails, 301 N. James Street, Grayling. Take out available 517-348-7113. (9/30/99tf/8)

DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the January 17 class. Contact Howard Lehti 517-348-8838. (LR11/18/99/8)

J. DAP CO. at 118 Michigan Ave., has great Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations. Stop by soon! (-21/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99tf/8)

COUNTRY WEEKEND at the Sawmill November 5 and 6, 9-1 a.m. with Kountry Klass. (-21/8)

9. Personals

IN MEMORY OF In Loving Memory of Russel D. Stone, October 13, 1998. It has been a year R.D. You have been missed every minute of every hour of each day. You were my anchor. Forever love, E.J. and family. Also, to the person or persons who removed Russel Stone's cross (twice) on Stephan Bridge Rd.-Why? My husband lost his soul there! I don't believe he did you any harm. Wife E.J. (-21/9)

GREG, WHERE IS THIS E Bay and where do I put my boat in. I'm still looking for all the Bear Archery things I can get. Call me at 517-348-8627. Pete. (-21/9)

TO: DEBBIE GREGORY Happy Sweetest Day with lots of love. Your husband, Marvin. (-21/9)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Zachary Cunningham and Blake Gregory. We love you and Jess too. The Orcutts. (-21/9)

IN MEMORY OF Jason Manning, my son you are loved always. Mom and Dave. (-21/9)

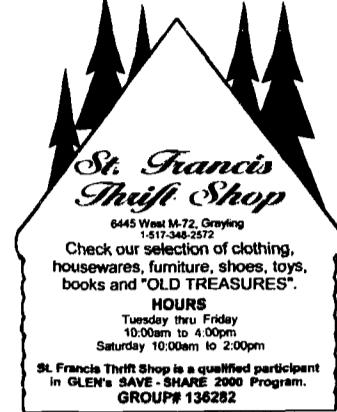
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Mark Lutz is alive and very well! Now you are a part of the Cabin's history. "Buddy, Old Pal."

10. Garage Sales

FURNITURE, HOUSEWARES, CLOTHES, some tools. Saturday only, 9-5, 4673 Staley Lake Rd. (-21/10)

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, October 21 and 22, 305 State St., Grayling, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Electric stove, coffee table, x-country ski set, decorations and lots of little girl clothes. (-21/10)

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